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VARIETY FOR HUNTERS

Farmington hunt, of which Truman Dodson is Master, has been an increasing source of new ideas during the past 2 years. Their antique auction and hunter auction were staged this summer and fall. Last year they instigated a hunter trial for the champion field hunter of Virginia. Hunts were asked to send a team of two horses to Charlottesville where, over an intricate hunter course, the various hunt teams competed, following a Master. Winners of the trial were the Blue Ridge Hunt of Millwood, Virginia of which Graham Dougherty and Beverley Byrd are Masters. This meant that the honor of giving the trial was turned over to the Blue Ridge Hunt who have now selected March 31st as the day and are sending out invitations to other Virginia hunts to compete.

At Farmington's inaugural champion field hunter trial, there were five judges who judged the Field of contestants by a process of elimination. As horse committed various unpardonable sins, fidgeting at checks, kicking, hitting fences, rushing their obstacles, getting in too close over jumps, they would be eliminated. The initial contest was well run and everyone enjoyed it to a great degree, including the contestants who all performed en masse behind a field master. The only thing lacking was the hounds. Last year's winners of the Blue Ridge Team were Mrs. George Greenhalgh, Jr. on Traumertan, a big brown Thoroughbred by *Traumer and a huge 17.2 hand Anglo-Cleveland bred by Alexander Mackay-Smith and ridden by Roland Mitchell. The performances of these horses were quiet, even, steady. When the Master would suddenly check the Field before a fence, they did not stand on their heads in their eagerness to get forward. In short under actual hunting conditions, they performed as good hunters. How many top show hunters in the show ring would do the same under similar conditions? Not many. The average top hunter in the show ring is in many cases a poor ride in the hunting field.

This is not so much the fault of the horse as of its training. He is trained in a corral, is then graduated to a ring and over made fences of intrinsically the same design, he goes round and round. If he hits a fence it falls down; if he does it again he is usually poled. The going is good, the approaches even; there is in short, no variety. This in itself is one of the main faults with showing today. Although hunters are called for in the condition book, the conditions do not exact real hunting performances. Show ring performances, yes, but not hunting performances.

In Farmington's idea of a field hunter champion, and in its further development by the Blue Ridge Hunt and others who carry the ball with it, there may be the germ of a real development which could immeasurably increase the interest in hunter performances at all shows. American show rings lack variety in obstacles, they lack variety in conditions, they lack in short, imagination. This does not mean that show committees do not have the necessary fund of ideas, but often as not it means that exhibitors have not trained their hunters sufficiently to have them perform over real hunter courses.

How many so called hunters at Devon, if brought out behind a Master, made to stop, check, drop rails, go on at speed, jump at a trot, at a walk, at a hand gallop or at speed, would be able to do so? Everyone of the so-called top hunters has the ability to do all these things if given sufficient training. Exhibitors do not demand it; committees don't, therefore, urge it and the public goes home vaguely dissatisfied by seeing the same performances in every show they go to. It would not hurt the show game a little bit if every year each committee made a resolution to have one new feature or one new

class. How many do this? Very few and yet what show on Broadway would have the face to put on the same play each year with about the same cast and invite the public to come in and pay its money for box row seats.

There are plenty of ideas going begging; years and years of showing to fall back on for examples but, and most important, good horsemanship, good riding and general interest demand more thought, more variety and a more frank and honest approach. The show game needs variety. If enterprising exhibitors cannot have it at shows, they will turn to hunter trials such as Farmington's so that hunters can be shown as hunters should be, and not as monkeys in a circus bobbing around a ring over the same obstacles 15 times in an afternoon and actually proving very little.

Letters To The Editor

Different Objectives

Dear Sir:

In regard to the noticeable stream of propaganda put out to further the use of F. E. I. rules at horse shows in this country, I would like to express a few views of mine.

Because F. E. I. rules are acceptable for European shows, does not hold that they would be suitable here. We have an entirely different set-up for use of a horse over fences in this country. We hunt over timber, which is not done in Europe, and hold races over timber and that was instigated here in America. There is a more distinct separation between our open jumpers and our hunters than is found abroad; we have no need of speed in our open horses, as they always show in a ring. The advocate of F. E. I. dislikes our eight up and down fences, but that kind is the type found when riding cross-country and also takes more judgment and skill on the part of the horse at take-off. When height alone is opposed to height and breadth together, in making a jump difficult, the height wins every time. To take some of the statements literally that are made by people using F. E. I. methods, the only fence that teaches a horse to USE himself, is a broad fence. In contradiction, the use of a take-off bar, while schooling, makes the jump easier for the horse. It is contended that riding with time as a factor makes far better riding—but, the harder a horse is pushed on, when he is inclined to take back and be careful, the more active the rider becomes. There is no greater asset for a rider over fences than the very great art of sitting still.

There have been a lot of disparaging remarks about civilian riding—as compared with that of Army Officers of the various teams. Put these same men in a civilian capa-

city with a civilian's handicaps of, often, little time and money, the necessity of earning a living, and starting from scratch with whatever they can afford in the way of horses, and, believe me! you wouldn't see many great performances. After all, such comparisons are not only odious, but absurd!

Yours very sincerely,

William Clark Miller

No Classic

Dear Editor:

Apropos of the recent death of Carrol Shilling, considered by many to be the best jockey in the American turf history, brought to me thoughts of the classics in this country which have evaded some of our top riders, as has been the case with the English Derby and Gordon Richards, almost perennially on the favorite and never in the winner's circle in that race. Shilling, in his few years of competition, before being "warned off", did win a Kentucky Derby but was never up on a Belmont Stakes or Preakness winner. Ted Atkinson is another, for the Derby and the Belmont have yet to see him on the winning horse. There have been great jockeys in America such as Tod Sloan, Winnie O'Connor, Snapper Garrison, Laverne Fator and Willie Shaw. None of these were ever up on any of our 3-year-old classic winners. Sonny Workman did get a Preakness with Victorian and Georgie Woolfe won the same race on Bold Venture, but just think of the number of disappointments those "boys" had.

Regards,

A. A. Baldwin

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Camden Junior Horse Show

**Camden Junior Horse Show Association
Has 50 Children Competing In Its
First Event of the New Show Season**

Kate Williams

On Wednesday December 28, a Christmas Junior Horse Show was held by the Camden (S. C.) Junior Horse Show Assn. at its ring on the L. W. Boykin property, adjoining Cool Springs Plantation.

With a total of 137 entries, the show was the first to be held at this time of year by the association, which is in its second season of activity. A large gallery turned out to watch the Camden junior riders, or those under 18 years. Many out of town exhibitors, 50 children in all, competed in the ring and over the two outside courses with much fine spirit and many top performances during an afternoon of clear, sunny weather.

The winners of the two horsemanship championship trophies, given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Waller, were Raymond Woolfe, Jr. who with a total of 10 points, won the horsemanship championship class for children aged 13 to 17, and Miss Penny Sheffield who won the horsemanship championship class for children aged 12 and under, also with 10 points. Reserve championship went to Pat Clyburn in the 13 and over, and to Miss Phoebe Miller in the 12 and under Horsemanship Championship class.

Although there was not a champion horse of the show, certainly Miss Pat Clyburn's Duplicate would have taken the honor. With an excellent performance over the large outside course, Duplicate won the junior hunters class for horses over 15 hands, as well as taking 1st in the hunter hacks for horses over 15 hands.

There was a great deal of exceptionally good riding as well as good sportsmanship in the show. But most striking was the enthusiasm of the parents and spectators present. This support was in full recognition and appreciation of the good work that Commander W. Shannon Heath has been doing with junior riders in Camden over the last four years.

SUMMARIES

Horsemanship (hunter seat), 9 and under—1. Louise Coker; 2. Ruth Helen Woolfe; 3. Carl Ann Lightfoot; 4. Mimi Miller.

Junior hacks, horses over 15.0—1. Duplicate, Pat Clyburn; 2. On My Way, Penelope Coker; 3. The Rake, Mrs. David R. Williams; 4. Hazard, Mrs. Richard B. Boykin.

Lead rein, 6 and under—1. Joe Mack Bates; 2. Cassie Sheffield.

Junior hunters—1. Duplicate, Pat Clyburn; 2. On My Way, Penelope Coker; 3. Big Caesar, Rick Coker; 4. It's Up, Frazier Stables.

Horsemanship (hunter seat), 13 to 17 years—1. Raymond Woolfe, Jr.; 2. Pat Clyburn; 3. Penelope Coker; 4. Joe Williams.

Horsemanship, over fences, 13 to 17—1. Raymond Woolfe, Jr.; 2. Rick Coker; 3. Pat Clyburn; 4. Penelope Coker.

Junior hacks, horses or ponies 15 hands and under—1. Shamrock, Raymond Woolfe, Jr.; 2. Jimmy, Helen Sheffield; 3. Little Black Sambo, Louise Coker; 4. Dusty, Carl Ann Lightfoot.

Horsemanship, over fences, 12 and under—1. Penny Sheffield; 2. Helen Sheffield; 3.



RAYMOND WOOLFE, JR., champion in Camden horsemanship division, 13 and over.



MISS PENNY SHEFFIELD, tri-color winner in Camden horsemanship division, under 12.

Pinehurst Holds Midwinter Show

**Annual Mid-winter Junior Horse Show
Brings Out Riders and Horses For
Early Competition In the Ring**

George F. Shearwood

The 13th annual Mid-Winter Junior Horse Show, an informal event, was held over the Christmas and New Year's holidays in the riding ring of the Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst, N. C. Two afternoons were needed to dispose of the classes in which were entered a number of top ranking riders and horses, some of them winners in The National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden.

SUMMARIES

Children's lead line—1. Sandra Fitzgibbon; 2. Linda Owens; 3. Billy Fitzgibbon.

Children's hunters—1. Grey Jacket, Seven Star Stable; 2. Rover, Russell Tate.

Handy hunters—1. Red Fox, Stoneybrook Stables; 2. Nylon, Billy Tate.

Novice riders—1. Skip Healey; 2. Burke Healey; 3. Mrs. William Tate; 4. Jean Gundry. Novice walk and trot—1. Judy Owens; 2. Billy Bertrand; 3. Sandra Fitzgibbon; 4. Doris Deendorf.

Phoebe Miller; 4. Carl Ann Lightfoot.

Horsemanship, (hunter seat), 10 to 12—1. Penny Sheffield; 2. Phoebe Miller; 3. Helen Sheffield; 4. Steve Clyburn.

Junior hunters, outside course—1. Pluto, Joe Williams; 2. Shamrock, Raymond Woolfe, Jr.; 3. It's Up, Frazier Stables; 4. On My Way, Penelope Coker.

Horsemanship championship, 12 and under—Penny Sheffield. Reserve—Phoebe Miller.

Horsemanship championship, 13 and over—Raymond Woolfe, Jr. Reserve—Pat Clyburn. Judge: Mrs. Louis E. Stoddard.

Jumpers, special course—1. Milky Way, Lakelawn Stables; 2. Grey Jacket, Seven Star Stable; 3. Red Fox, Stoneybrook Stables; 4. Scotch and Soda, Lloyd (Junebug) Tate, Jr.

Horsemanship (16 and under)—1. Judy Tompkins; 2. Cappy Winkelman; 3. Rick Coker; 4. Skip Healey.

Green hunters—1. Happy New Year, Stoneybrook Stables; 2. Sack Coat, Lakelawn Stables; 3. Holy Smoke, Jack Goodwin; 4. Small Question, Stoneybrook Stables.

Working hunter—1. Katydidd, Lakelawn Stables; 2. Big Caesar, Rick Coker; 3. Scotch and Soda, Lloyd Tate, Jr.; 4. Mr. Theo, Lakelawn Stables.

Pair of hacks—1. Happy New Year, Stoneybrook Stables; Grey Jacket, Seven Star Stable; 2. Honey Boy, Jean Gundry; Stamp, Lynn Sherrard; 3. Reynoldstown, Jimmy Lightfoot, Lloyd Tate, Jr.; 4. Dark Victory, Judy Tompkins; Good News, Skip Healey.

Open jumping—1. Red Fox, Stoneybrook Stables; 2. Scotch and Soda, Lloyd Tate, Jr.; 3. Nylon, Billy Tate; 4. Grey Jacket, Seven Star Stable.

Judge: Mrs. Fred Wilmshurst.

Chicabelle Junior Champion of New Year's Horse Show

The Tally-Ho Club began the New Year show season early as they selected Jan. 2 for the Bloomfield Junior Show at Bloomfield Hills, Mich. With only juniors participating, the events went off well and Miss Betty Yaw's Chicabelle annexed the tri-color ahead of Miss Patty Cray and Harmony.

SUMMARIES

Lead line—1. Susan Fisher; 2. Mary Ellen Douglas; 3. Chuck Pierce; 4. Ellen Sarver. Horsemanship (walk, trot)—1. Tommy Lee; 2. Peter Fisher.

Hunter hack—1. Chicabelle, Betty Yaw; 2. Su Song, Lydia Rothman; 3. Buzz, Nancy Havermale; 4. Ginny Doo, Toni DiMarco.

Horsemanship (12 and under)—1. Suzette Gagnier; 2. Annette Gagnier; 3. Carol Pierce; 4. David Lee.

Junior open hunter—1. Chicabelle, Betty Yaw; 2. Harmony, Patty Cray; 3. Ginny Doo, Toni DiMarco; 4. Jack Lee, John McDonald.

Horsemanship (13 to 18)—1. Patty Cray; 2. Lydia Rothman; 3. Donna Hagerman; 4. Ann Higbee.

Horsemanship over jumps (13 to 18)—1. Toni DiMarco; 2. Patty Cray; 3. Lydia Rothman; 4. Nancy Havermale.

Junior open jump—1. Bumper, Bill Yaw; 2. Jack Lee, John McDonald; 3. Preacher, Ann Higbee; 4. Stutter, Bill Yaw.

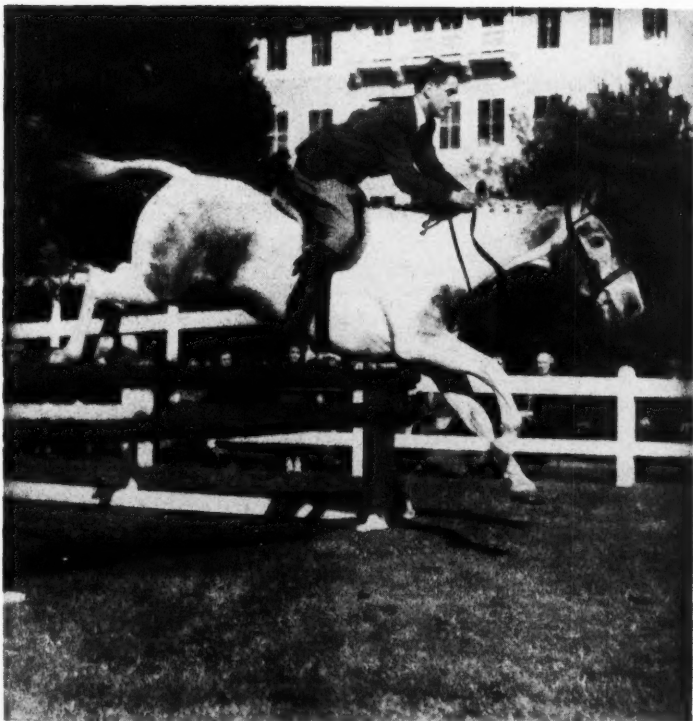
Handy hunter—1. Jack Lee, John McDonald; 2. Harmony, Patty Cray; 3. Ginny Doo, Toni DiMarco; 4. Bumper, Bill Yaw.

Corinthian hunter—1. Chicabelle, Betty Yaw; 2. Harmony, Patty Cray; 3. Rock Hasty, Lydia Rothman; 4. Jack Lee, John McDonald.

Musical stails—1. Spring Fashion, Jo Rothman; 2. Su Song, Lydia Rothman; 3. Harmony, Patty Cray; 4. Honey, Kitty Proctor.

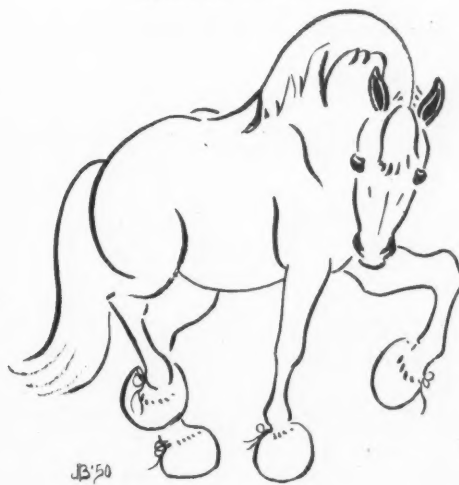
Champion—Chicabelle, Betty Yaw. Reserve—Harmony, Patty Cray.

Judge: Ben Colman.



BURKE HEALEY rode Seven Star Stable's Grey Jacket to annex a red ribbon at the Pinehurst show. (Hemmer Photo)

CHRONICLE QUIZ



1. WHAT IS AN OREGON PUDDIN' FOOT?

- (See drawing.)
- In classic times how were horses trained to assist the rider in mounting?
- How does an English stud groom use the word "stinted"?
- Locate the ham string.
- What is a ring bit?
- What is the origin of the word pedigree?

(Answers on page 19)

In the Field With Meadow Brook



Home-comers For Holidays Enjoy Good Sport With Meadow Brook Hounds On Long Island; Juniors Out In Force

Barbara Hewlett

The poorest day's hunting in December was "good" so you can imagine that it is indeed with smiles and good feeling that we face the New Year!

On Saturday, December 3, 48 people met at Underhill's Farm and moved off to the north, drawing the Old Kennel Covert, Willock's, and Bronson Winthrop's blank. Hounds then found on the edge of Deering Howe's, hunted their fox across the open fields to Cary's, Woodward's, across the Cedar Swamp Road, throughout Bliss' and into the drain near the Wheatley Water Tower after a fast 25 minutes. Hutton's was drawn blank, but a fox was jumped in the Whitney woods, providing a slow hunt with falling scent.

Wednesday, December 7, we were rained out, but the following Saturday, the 10th was again good. The meet this day was over at Piping Rock with a Field of 41, including the following regular followers: John Schiff, and Mrs. Frank Fox, who have been leading the Field during the illness of Miss Hewlett, Hon. Hunt-Secretary and acting Master and the absence of Mr. Winthrop, Joint-Master; Mrs. Edward A. Robertson, Frederic Pratt, Charles V. Hickox, Mrs. Joseph L. Merrill, an enthusiastic newcomer to Meadow Brook; Dr. W. Philipp, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobus Frank, R. Domenie, Jackson A. Dykman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Henry, William Birch, Thomas A. Bradley, Jr., and Archie Lakin.

Hounds moved off at 11 o'clock, drew the Piping Rock covert blank, crossed to Coe's, and found just outside the gate. This fox made a big loop around Coe's and went to ground in Renville Smith's. Hounds did not find again until they drew McCann's where a fox made a bolt for it out across the open fields. This afforded a beautiful panorama of the hunt to Michael Lyne, visiting English sporting artist, who was being escorted "to hounds" in a car by Mrs. Marjorie B. Hewlett and her daughter Barbara. The fox sought refuge, after a brilliant 25 minutes, in the drain-pipe under Farwell's driveway. The third fox of the day was jumped in Sparks' and after a circle there, lined out across Columbia Stock Farm, crossed the Cold Spring Road, went down across most of Jones' and finally went to ground under a wood-pile on the hill.

Wednesday, the 14th of December was one of those separated days, good at the beginning and the end, but you had to have persistence to stay through the middle. The meet was at Senff's Gate. Hounds were not successful in rousing a fox in a loop through Willock's, the Old Kennel covert, and Campbell's. Crossing the road into the dairy farm back of Senff's however, hounds began to feather at the edge of the woods and soon after were away in a burst of music. They ran down to Kelley's left-handed through those paddocks into Brewster's, Suarez's, Murnane's, and back to ground in Senff's after a fast 22 minutes. From there, hounds proceeded to draw Chadwick's, Stevens', and the entire country south of the Jericho Turnpike near Hicksville, Burrill's, north of the turnpike again, Broad Hollow, and Roditi's blank. Just as everyone was pulling out in Howe's however, up jumped

a fox and led hounds a merry chase to Cary's, across the road to Roditi's, and to earth up in Broad Hollow.

On Saturday, December 17, a Field of 60 enjoyed a very active day after meeting at Whitney's Stable at 11 A. M. They hacked to Hutton's where a fox was jumped which crossed Hickox's and went to ground in Hills. Drawing through Whitney's, hounds found again close to the lane, pushed their fox hard across Guest's field, back through the Whitney

road, across part of the dairy farm to the Wheatley road, back past the stable to Loew's, and finally to ground in an earth at the south end of the Whitney Stable paddock. Allison called his hounds together, crossed into Morgan's, drew through there and Clark's, and raised a third fox in the Broad Hollow Woods which went to ground after a short fast loop. Drawing east through Broad Hollow and Howe's, hounds found again in Howe's woods, and pushed their fox across the Brookville Road to Bronson Winthrop's, across the Oyster Bay Road to Chadwick's, up over the hill to Steven's and finally to ground in Steven's drainpipe.

Wednesday, December 21, produced two foxes in the east country around Hewlett's, where the meet was situated, one a straight-necked fox which ran for 50 minutes, and the other, a fox which refused to break into the open and was killed in thick woods after a short burst. This ill-fated fox was jumped in Bruce's and killed near the Jericho Turnpike, the mask going to R. Domenie, as the brush was torn. The other fox was found on the edge of Sparks' and he ran to Columbia Stock Farm, across the Cold Spring Road through a concrete culvert, through Glenn's, Manser's, Suydam's field, Jones', back to Columbia Stock Farm, and to ground in the earth behind the Fox Hollow Stables after a fast 50 minutes.

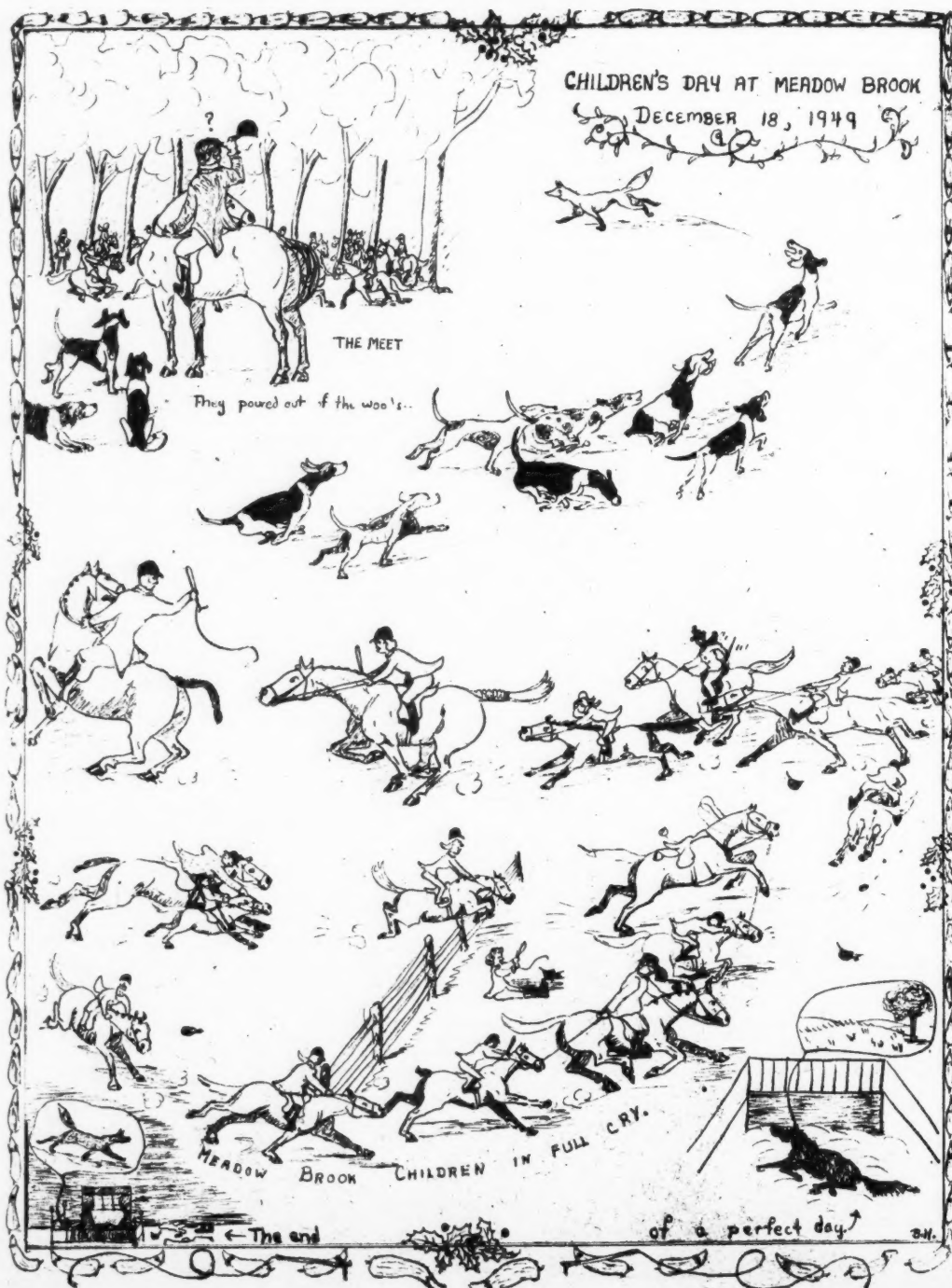
On Saturday, December 24, the Christmas Eve hunt, a Field of 64 people met at the Old Kennels, many being children who were home from

school for the holidays. This group came out every day we hunted, though most of them only had one horse. They were led at all times by Miss Joan Prytherch, who was appointed Junior Master this fall, and who has been doing a magnificent job of keeping all the children up to hounds and yet back from the front rank. The children were indeed fortunate this vacation because, for the first time in a good many years, the weather neither rained, snowed, nor froze up solid at the mention of the holidays or a Children's Hunt!

Among those home for the holidays were Thayer Ferguson, who has just been awarded his colors; Miss Sarane and Master Bark Hickox, Miss Cora Cavanagh, Miss Helen Martin, Miss Topsy Pell, Master David Schiff, Miss Connie Fox, Miss Lili Knott, Miss Kathleen McKinney, Hubbs Kettles, Miss Mimi Mills, and her sister, Miss Phyllis Mills. Among the group of young people who hunt regularly at Meadow Brook on weekends, and therefore who also enjoyed the holiday hunting, are Miss Sara Cavanagh, Miss Kathryn James, Miss Peggy Rosenwald, Miss Mary McGowan, Miss Althea Knickerbocker, Miss Ann Conolly, Miss Patricia Gibb, Miss Zene Pyle, Miss Jane Stebbins, Miss Suzanne Scoble, Miss Natalie Fell, Miss Susan Martin, and Master Michael Plumb.

On this day, hounds had no success until they reached the Broad Hollow Woods where they found a fox on the northeast side which led them down across the Burrill

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Friday, January 27, 1950

HUNTING

SEDFIELD HUNT

High Point,
North Carolina.
Established 1927.
Recognized 1941.



Members of the Sedgefield Hunt might do well to make a record to be played after each hunt while warming their toes and regaining their breath. "One of the best ever," it would run. The promise of the early part of the season has developed and hardly a day has gone by without at least one long hard run. The foxes, however, seem to have unionized their clan and are working a two-platoon system this year. No sooner is one accounted for than hounds are "off again" on a second equally good race.

Adams Farm has continued to be the center of many fine hunts. As scenting conditions have improved—thanks to some light rains and slightly cooler weather—the big red foxes there have been pushed harder and farther by the hounds. December 17 saw a sizable Field leaving from Borden's West Gate. They pushed hard over to Elmer Glass' where he was viewed crossing back to the lake with hounds close on him. We followed back around the lake and over many new and good-sized jumps through the horse pastures. One more circuit saw the Field temporarily narrowed to five when hounds denned in a sawdust pile back at Borden's. Hounds were off very shortly for another several miles after another fox, before being whipped off.

On two of the five holiday hunts the pack ran their fox still another five miles farther from home until turned by logging operations on the Armstrong property. The enthusiasm of the Field was such that even a near brush with dynamite on one occasion failed to stop them. On that day again one fox had been denned at the Adams Farm after a 40-minute run before a second began a 2-hour chase that carried everyone on a 6-mile point to Jamestown and back where hounds were once again picked up after 5 hours of continuous hunting.

On the other side of Route 29 the Gold Mine fox—and friends—have also continued to provide excellent sport. The first hunt of the New Year was typical, though perhaps one of the best we've had. Very shortly after leaving the stable, hounds found a fox. High wind and terrific heat made hunting difficult and at the end of about an hour's race, the lead hounds had gotten well ahead. The main pack caught up to them within sight of the kennels and the field had fond visions of home. But these had to be postponed when the pack circled back to the original starting point. "Big Red" ran into a culvert under the golf course with four hounds after him. Again we thought of home—and again were wrong. Huntsman Thomas crossed the golf course on foot just in time to see the pack leave in full cry from the other end of the culvert. They ran hard for another 5 miles before checking at the Gold Mine. As it was then dark and 4 hours had passed since leaving the barn, hounds were roaded home.

The pack here is working well and the fox is being pushed most of the time during these runs. Each time it seems out of the question for him to reach the comparative safety of a den and the day may well come when he fails, as has happened only once this season. Many of us will, I am sure, regret such a time after the many wonderful chases he has given us.

Each week that passes sees new trails opened up and new panels built which enable the hunters to hear and see more of the excellent pack work. This has indeed added greatly to the pleasure of all concerned. This year, too, Sedgefield has a hard-riding, well-mounted group of young people, beginning at about 8 years of age, who are fast learning the subtleties of The Sport. Only the other day our Masters, on learning of the good sport at the back of the Field, considered retiring to the rear for an inside glimpse of the situation there. Also, they wanted to verify the statement made by the youngsters that by the time the first flighters get through rattl-

WARRENTON HUNT

Warrenton,
Virginia.
Established 1887.
Recognized 1894.



The Warrenton Hunt met on Monday, Dec. 26 at Neptune Lodge as about 40 members of the Field tried to see each other through fog and mist. Field Master William Wilbur led the Field off through Phipps to Arrington's farm. There hounds were cast and found not one but three red foxes. Putting the pack on one, we had a short, hard run through Nesbit's to Fielding's woods where he was denned. Hounds were then recast and picked up the second fox who took us across to Arrington's through Morton's back field to Nesbit's and denned in the same hole at the edge of Fielding's woods.

Huntsman Lester Wayland then took hounds across the road and cast then in Ullman's. Tally-ho was called as a lovely red ran across Ullman's to Winmill's back field with hounds full on him. Through the alley-way across the back fields of Waverly to Clovely and Whiffle-Tree Manor he ran. Then to North Wales where he turned left across one field, then right, straight through Ullman's where the Field found it impossible to get through and were forced to call it a day much to everyone's regret.

The meet on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at Bellvue was designated as children's day by Master Russell Arundel. A gray fox was found and killed after a typical circling run. The brush was given to Miss Joycelyn Arundel and the mask to John Hinckley. A delightful hunt breakfast was enjoyed at the Phillipa'.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, 9 members of the Warrenton Hunt journeyed to Potomac for a day of hunting with the Potomac Hunt Club. A delightful day was enjoyed by all who made the trip. Warrenton regulars who were out were Master Russell Arundel, Mrs. Amory Lawrence, Mrs. Robert C. Winmill, Mrs. Henry Atherton, Jr., Miss Sally Spilman, John Maloney, Andrew Bartenstein, Mrs. Edward Graves and Mrs. Ruth Kobzina.

It is with deep regret that members of the Warrenton Hunt learned of the resignation as of Feb. 1 of our Masters, Amory S. Carhart and Russell Arundel. Mr. Carhart had been M. F. H. for 18 years. R. A. K.

Meadow Brook Hounds

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field, across part of the old Jackson point-to-point course, back through Broad Hollow, and to the drain under Mr. Winthrop's race track after a fast 27 minutes.

Since everyone concerned was very keen to get in as much hunting as possible while the weather held, a bye-day was scheduled for Monday, the 26th. A Field of 36 appeared at the meet on Mr. Winthrop's place in Westbury. This turned out to be a better-than-good day too, and no one was sorry for having scheduled the extra meet particular as Mrs. Winthrop gave a delightful breakfast afterwards! Hounds first found in Francke's, ran through Deering Howe's to Delano's, across Bronson Winthrop's, left-handed across the Muttontown Road to Murnane's, and to ground in Brewster's after a fast 25 minutes. Drawing back through Howe's, hounds then jumped a fox in Broad

ing the top rails, they don't know whether to take off when the rails are coming towards them or going away.

Fixtures are scheduled for Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, all hunts, no drags, with the hunt ball planned for Saturday evening, February 4. Visitors are always welcome. —Audrey Betts

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Hollow which flew for an earth in Roditi's after a fast 15 minutes. A third fox was found in Broad Hollow again, and this pilot crossed Clark's field, and went into the drain under Mr. Winthrop's racetrack.

Wednesday, the 28th of December, will go down in history in the Hon. Hunt Secretary's mind if in no one else's. It was the Children's Meet. Taking attendance at the meeting-place, in this case, Howe's Gate, was a task of Herculean proportions. Children poured out of the woods on beasts of all sizes and shapes. There were regular hard-riding children who had their hunt colors already; there were 12-15-year-olds home from boarding school for vacation; there were guests with a noticeable lack of experience mounted on the Family's safest conveyance; there were tiny children sitting tightly to tiny ponies, and there were those sitting not quite so tightly, and finally there was the loose-legged lead-line group. A count revealed 35 children but nobody is convinced to this day that there weren't more than that.

Miss Joan Prytherch was the Master for the day and the position of Field Master was drawn by Master Bark Hickox, that of huntsman by Miss Cora Cavanagh, and that of whip by Miss Sara Ann Cavanagh. When the lucky winners of the drawing had notified their guides, Thomas Allison, huntsman, and Charles Plumb, whip, Miss Prytherch gave the "Huntsmen" the nod and hounds moved off, while the Hon. Hunt Secretary called all the adults into line behind the forty-odd children.

No sooner had hounds entered the woods, than old Dauntless opened, the pack honored her, and the pack went away, crossing into Bronson Winthrop's, left-handed into Murnane's, and to ground in the woods near Senff's. This was only the beginning.

Within moments, a second fox was jumped in the cat-briars nearby, flew down across Nicholl's to screams of "Tally-ho", Shotter's, Brewster's, out across Kelly's fences, right-handed to Suarez's, and back to the same earth in Murnane's. Hounds didn't find for the next 30 minutes and this gave a chance for some of the stragglers, mostly adults, to catch up, and for the children's loving attendants to pick up fallen hats and crops strewn about the countryside. Another fox jumped up in the Elk Pen and ran directly to the drain under Winthrop's race track. Hounds soon found again near Clark's stable and had a fast 40 minute run through Broad Hollow and Roditi's twice, then out across Burrill's, all the way to the edge of the Jericho Turnpike, right-handed through Kramer's, and finally, back to an earth in Broad Hollow. This run ended a highly successful day, and the adults are still talking about the pace they made (threading their way around small-size hunting caps lying on the ground), the fences they jumped (following the lead of small woolly Shetland ponies), and the number of times they got left behind (by small passengers on leadlines, working up furious speed with crop and boot-heel)! A large field of 63 wished each

other New Year cheer as they assembled at Atherton's Gate at 11 o'clock for the New Year's eve hunt on Saturday, December 31. Again, and to complete the record for December, it turned out to be a better-than-good day and all and sundry felt that they had done well in the letting-out of the old year. Shortly after moving off, hounds found in Iselin's woods, ran across Coe's field, looped through the cat-briars, ran back towards Coe's house, ran west of it and put their fox into a drain under Coe's driveway.

Hounds found again on the east side of Coe's, went through Renville Smith's and across the road to Bonney's, where they lost on the concrete bridge. We hacked across the road to Davison's and no sooner had we entered the drive when two foxes got up simultaneously. Hounds left over, hunted the open straight to Brokaw's and down to 25 acres where they were stopped by heavy traffic soon after. A fifth fox left Brewster's covert across the road as we arrived, flew down across Nicholl's, Blair's, across the road through Henry's, Woodward's, and across the Cedar Swamp Road into a pipe under Parkinson's drive. A sixth fox gave a short hunt to ground in Broad Hollow, and a seventh ran south through Broad Hollow, across the edge of Clark's to Burrill's, around the end of the Point-to-Point Course in Jackson's, and back to ground in Roditi's. The end of another excellent day.

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December 20:

Hounds met at the Horse Show grounds with a very good Field following. We drew south to June Farm, first trying out the white board fence which surrounds Carlo Paterno's new race track. As we approached, 8 deer loped right out in front of the pack and while the entire 20 couple had a clear view of same, not 50 yards away, not even one hound bothered with them. We crossed to a knoll near the Hard-scrabble Road where we started a nice red which ran across about three fields and dropped in a freshly cleaned earth.

We found fox number two in Starr Ridge swamp and after a couple of big circles around Peach Lake, he crossed the dirt road and ran through Pete Miller's pine woods, across the new concrete road which runs from Brewster to Danbury and on to the railroad tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford. After running along the tracks for nearly half a mile, he crossed over the almost empty Sodom Reservoir bottom to Joe's Hill, a section we always try to avoid. We were able to stop hounds and work back towards the kennels. As we passed along the south end of Peach Lake, we viewed a large red running over Charles Nichols' farm. By the time we arrived at the spot where we had viewed, our red had dropped in an earth along a stone wall near the lake.

December 22:

Red Shield Farm was the meeting place and as we were approaching the pasture field on the Tompkins' farm, we heard the crows marking a fox heading towards Hunting House Hill. Hounds picked up the line and went away fast. The pack split on two foxes in Hunting House, one part confined its running to this large woodland; the large part of the pack ran east back over Red Shield and crossed Route No. 124 and went on over the Bloomer property. We marked our first fox in and caught up with the other pack.

They had marked Reynard in on the Lobdell property across the stone wall fence from Rock Ridge Farm and had started a fight at the earth. One of our good hole dogs, Flinder, has been the victim. He was rushed to a veterinarian but passed out during the night. He was a second season hound and a wonderful young one for carrying a line on top of a stone wall. We had one other short run. It was more like September, being the warmest December 22 on record and horses and riders were dripping with perspiration.

December 24:

We met at Rock Ridge Farm with a very good Field turned out. We drew all around the kennel country without finding. There was a sprinkle of snow on the ground and a frozen crust on top. We picked up a line on Meldrum's farm but failed to get our fox on foot.

We drew north to near the outlet of Peach Lake and were about to leave this covert when we heard old Folly, a truly great foxhound, open up to our right. The pack soon joined in and ran out over the Ryder farm where we headed this big red. He was running right into the Field. We must have frightened him as he only ran about five minutes after we turned him, marking him in under a ledge on the Ryder farm.

We drew east by Vail's golf course and found in a bushy lot on Stuart Bates' land. This proved a very good fox and after old Folly had also found this one first, they had a bit of trouble getting him straightened out. But once they did, we enjoyed a run for 1 hour and 25 minutes over the Dangle Ridge and Vail golf course section. We viewed this fox many times and marked him in about a hundred yards from where we found. The going was quite heavy.

—C. H.

CHAGRIN VALLEY HUNT

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Ohio.
Established 1908.
Recognized 1909.



Twenty-eight people turned out on Jan. 2 to start off the 1950's in the right way. A hard running fox gave us sport which will be hard to duplicate. The going was very heavy but the horses were fit, as most of them have been at it all season. We found in the creek bottom back of the sugar house near the Wooley Road bridge. Hounds carried the line through the boggy lowlands, across Wooley Road and on through the pastures into the timbered woods behind the Russell School. Our fox was too hard pressed to shake hounds through the brush piles, as he did the previous time we had him on the run. After circling through these woods, he hit the creek bottom and ran along it back to where we found. Here he was pushed so hard that he headed west to Caves road, then north to the foot of Ox Hill, then south east through the Belle Vernon woods and pastures to Williams' woods, where he went to ground. The run lasted about an hour and a quarter. Bob White viewed him, when he was being hard pressed.

This same fox gave us a day long to be remembered on Nov. 30, when we found him in the same place. He made a small circle through the creek bottom and then made a bee line north. For over an hour our ears were filled with music and there wasn't a straggler or a hound who wasn't in full cry. Reynard took us across all of the pastures and fields he could, as the woods were almost under water from the hard rains and melted snow. He continued north to Mayfield road (about 3 miles from where we found). Here the traffic turned him and he made a circle and made a straight point back to an earth close to where we found.

On Dec. 17 we had a 30 minute run which is worth mentioning because the going was so bad and all 20 members of the Field stayed in the top flight behind one of the Horary Whippers-in, in whose care the Master had put us. Hounds found opposite Newcomer's on County Line Rd., and carried their fox across Easy's big field, into Murfellow's, on across part of the Hunter Trial Course and on through Belle Vernon to Williams' woods, where an earth ended our sport.

Christmas week end provided two days of sport. On Dec. 24, fourteen enthusiastic members emerged from tinsel and holly to enjoy some excellent hound work and a 35 minute run. As the Master was battling the flu, Mr. George Humphrey was acting master. He led us on a merry run after our Nov. 30th. fox. The fox made for the brush piles in the timbered woods after taking us over some nice galloping country. In the brush piles he was clever enough to get far enough ahead of hounds so that he popped into an earth on the Silver Creek bank back of Clearwater Farm. The day after Christmas, 26 people had recovered enough from plum pudding to turn out for our longest run. The meet was at Wooley and Fullertown Rds. We found almost immediately just as we approached Stay's and off we went at a blistering pace through deep going and every kind of country. After running for what seemed like days, the heavens opened up and a driving rain storm made it almost impossible to hear or see as we ran all over the bad lands. Our fox went to ground after about an



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The Harriers were first started in 1932 and opened their first hunting season in 1933. Several drafts have been added from time to time to furnish new blood to the pack. Meanwhile sport has continued to prosper.

The Master, Amory L. Haskell, hunts his own hounds and has mastered the art of hunting both the hare and the fox. In the early stages of the pack's history, dog hounds were used on fox while the bitches, who do such a splendid job hunting the hare, were left strictly for that purpose. During the war it was found necessary to reduce the pack and from then on until today a mixed pack is hunted.

At the end of last season a draft from the Cobbler Hunt was added. These harriers had been hunted by S. Prentice Porter solely on fox. They have proved a great addition to the pack, having accounted for two brace of foxes since their arrival.

According to the Master and Albert Smith, the huntsman, this has been the best season on record. Hounds have been out two or three days a week since November. Although hare are rather scarce, foxes have been found and good runs have been enjoyed. Several hunts are of noteworthy mention, particularly the one from East Freehold Schoolhouse. A fox was found after the Harriers had worked a cold line for about a mile. He ran down wind for 7 miles over Monmouth's best country. This fox saved his brush only because Route 34 was packed with traffic coming and going. Unfortunately two hounds were run over. One had to be destroyed.

Another day on record was a meet from Montrose. After considerable delay trying to find hare without success, Mr. Haskell decided to draw for a fox which was viewed quite a way in front of hounds. Hounds soon settled down to some real hunting. A point of 5 miles and a kill ended a grand hunt of 1 hour and 35 minutes.

Inclement weather does not mar the sport of these harriers. Some of the best runs have been enjoyed on the Master's estate at Woodland Farm.

We all miss our very able ex-secretary, Mrs. George S. Howell, the former Miss Nancy Gaddis Heller, who for so many seasons helped both in the field and in the kennels. Her duties as secretary are now well carried out by Miss Isabelle Haskell.

A new honorary whip has been added to the hunt staff. James Hauck, has been granted his colors by the Master and performs very satisfactorily in the field.

Hounds will continue to go out until the weather prohibits. In the absence of the Master, Albert Smith will carry the horn. Five and a half couple were entered this season, keeping the strength of the pack to between 25 and 30 couple.—J. F. S.

hour and 40 minutes in a bank back of Bob Williams' camp.

—Louise Humphrey

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Horse Shows

JANUARY
29—Rillito Hunt Club 2nd annual Horse Show and Hunter Trials, Tucson, Ariz.

FEBRUARY
17-22—Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, Indio, Calif.
25-Mar. 5—Calif. Mid-Winter Fair Horse Show, Imperial, Calif.

MARCH
18-19—S. A. S. Horse Show, Tucson, Ariz.

APRIL
1-16—Grand Nat. Jr. Livestock Exposition, San Francisco, Calif.
8-9—Secor Farms Riding Club Horse Show, White Plains, N. Y.
22-23—Boulder Brook Club Spring Horse Show, Scarsdale, N. Y.
27-30—Newark (Essex Troop) Horse Show, Newark, N. J.
28-29 or 14-15—Squadron A Horse Show, New York, N. Y.
28-30—Sandhills Horse Show, Southern Pines, N. C.
29-30—Bar-O National Horse Show, San Diego, Calif.

MAY
4-6—Sedgefield Horse Show, Sedgefield, N. C.
6—Western Penna. Chapter PHA, Greensburg, Pa.
6—Sugarloaf Horse Show, Malvern, Penna.
6 or 13—University of Md. Horse Show, College Park, Md.
6-7—Oakland Military Academy Horse Show, Oakland, N. J.
6-7—West Ghent Horse Show, West Ghent, N. Y.

11-14 or 19-21—Bucks Co. Horse Show, Doylestown, Pa.
11-14—Buffalo International Horse Show, Buffalo, N. Y.
13—Block and Bridle Horse Show, University of Conn., Storrs, Conn.
13-14—Chestnut Ridge Horse Show, Hohokus, N. J.

13-14—Briar Patch Horse Show, Hilton Village, Va.
13-14—N. Y. Military Academy Horse Show, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.

14—Grafton Horse Show, Grafton, Mass.
14—Rice Farms Spring Horse Show, Huntington, N. Y.

19-21—Reading Horse Show, Wyomissing, Pa.
19-21—Valley Green Farms Horse Show, Philadelphia, Pa.
20 or June 4—Harrison (Spring) Horse Show, Harrison, N. Y.

20-21—Farmington Valley Horse Show, Avon, Conn.
20-21—Deep Run Hunt Club Horse Show, Richmond, Va.

21—Brookville Horse Show, Brookville, N. Y.
21—Hutchinson (Spring) Horse Show, New Rochelle, N. Y.

24-28—Dallas Horse Show, Dallas, Tex.
24-30 (Exc. 28)—Devon Horse Show & Country Fair, Devon, Pa.

26-28—Rock Spring Horse Show, W. Orange, N. J.
28—Oaks Hunt Horse Show, Manhasset, N. Y.

28—Cornell University Horse Show, Ithaca, N. Y.
28—Coopersburg Horse Show, Coopersburg, Pa.

28 or 30—Northern Westchester "PHA" Horse Show, North Salem, N. Y.

30—Lakemont Horse Show, Lakemont, N. Y.
30—North Stonington Firemen's Horse Show, North Stonington, Conn.

31-June 4—Pin Oaks Horse Show, Houston, Tex.
31-June 3—Charles Town Horse Show, Charles Town, West Va.

JUNE
2-4—Lancaster County Horse Show, Lancaster, Pa.
3—Blue Ridge Hunt Horse Show, Millwood, Va.

3—June Fete Horse & Pony Show, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.
3-4—Rhode Island Lions Horse Show, Cranston, R. I.

3-4—Watchung Riding & Driving Club Horse Show, Summit, N. J.
4—Barre Riding & Driving Club Horse Show, Barre, Mass.

4—Fairfield-Westchester PHA Horse Show, Stamford, Conn.
4 or 11—Newington Lions Club Horse Show, Newington, Conn.

7-10—Shreveport Junior League Horse Show, Shreveport, La.
9-11—Lanark Riding Club Horse Show, Phillipsburg, N. J.

9-11—Greenwich Horse Show, Greenwich, Conn.
10—Millwood Horse Show, "Raceland", Framingham, Mass.

10-11—Lake Forest Horse Show, Lake Forest, Ill.
10-11—Ludwig's Corner Hunt Club Horse Show, West Chester, Pa.

10-12—Oak Brook Polo Club Horse Show, Hinsdale, Ill.
11—DeWitt-Kiwanis Club Horse Show, Jamesville, N. Y.

11—Long Island Chapter PHA Horse Show, Huntington, N. Y.
14-17—Grosse Pointe Hunt Club Horse Show, Grosse Pointe, Mich.

15-17—Henry County Horse Show, Martinsville, Va.
16-18—Ox Ridge Hunt Club (Outdoor) Horse Show, Darien, Conn.

16-18—Three Oaks Riding Club Horse Show, Allentown, Pa.
18—VFW (Syosset Post) Horse Show, Syosset, N. Y.

18—Hyattsville Lions Club Show, Riverdale, Md.
22-24—Hot Springs Horse Show, Hot Springs, Ark.

22-25—Salt Lake City Horse Show, Salt Lake City, Utah.
22-25—Bellevue Horse Show, Pottstown, Penna.

23-24—Roanoke Valley Horse Show, Roanoke, Va.
23-25—Detroit Horse Show, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

23-25—Fairfield Co. Hunt Club Horse Show, Westport, Conn.

24-25—All Arabian Horse Show, Portland, Ore.
25—Mohawk Valley Hunt Club Horse Show, Utica, N. Y.

25-rain date July 9—Woodstock Riding Club Horse Show, Woodstock, N. Y.
30-July 1-2—Goldens Bridge Hounds Colt and Horse Show, North Salem, N. Y.

30-July 9—San Diego National Horse Show, Del Mar, Calif.

JULY
1-2—Hanover Exchange Club Horse Show, Hanover, Pa.
2—Martin Ranch Western Horse Show, Newington, Conn.

2-4—Culpeper Horse Show, Culpeper, Va.
4—Chester Riding Club Horse Show, Chester, Vt.
6-9—Youngville Horse Show, Youngville, Pa.

7-8—Milwaukee Horse Show, Milwaukee, Wis.
8-9—Colorado Springs Junior League Horse Show, Colo. Springs, Colo.

9—Berkshire Horse Show, Litchfield, Conn.
9—Chambersburg Saddle Club Horse Show, Chambersburg, Pa.

9 or 16—Highfields Farm Horse Show, Long Valley, N. J.
10-15—Lexington Junior League Horse Show, Lexington, Ky.

14-16—Green Bay Horse Show, Green Bay, Wis.
15-16—Plainfield Horse Show, Plainfield, N. J.

16—Cayuga Co. Sportsmen's Assn. Horse Show, Auburn, N. Y.
16—Terryville Lions Club Horse Show, Terryville, Conn.

18-23—Santa Barbara Fair & Horse Show, Santa Barbara, Calif.
21-23—Lakeville Horse Show, Salisbury, Conn.

21-23 or Aug. 12-14—Pittston Horse Show, Pittston, Pa.
27-30—Youngstown Horse Show, Youngstown, Ohio.

28-30—Elmira Horse Show, Elmira, N. Y.

AUGUST
4-6—Williamsport Horse Show, Williamsport, Pa.
6—Guilford Lakes Horse Show, Guilford, Conn.

11-12—Glenmore Hunt Club Horse Show, Staunton, Va.
11-13 or 25-27—Kalarah Temple Horse Show, Binghamton, N. Y.

12—Litchfield Horse Show, Litchfield, Conn.
12-13—Altoona Horse Show, Altoona, Pa.

13—Martin Ranch Horse Show, Newington, Conn.
16-19—Dayton Horse Show, Dayton, Ohio.

17-18—Eastern Slope Horse Show, North Conway, N. H.
18-19—Bath County Horse Show, Hot Springs, Va.

18-19—Old Lyme Horse Show, Old Lyme, Conn.
19—Smithtown Horse Show, St. James, N. Y.

19-20 or 26-27—Lake Mohawk Horse Show, Sparta, N. J.
19-27—Wisconsin State Fair Horse Show, Milwaukee, Wis.

20—Winchendon Horse Show, Winchendon, Mass.
21-23—West Virginia State Fair Horse Show, Lewisburg, W. Va.

23—Hamburg Fair Horse Show, Hamburg, Conn.
25-27—Chestnut Ridge Hunt Horse Show, Dunbar, Pa.

26-27—Colorado Springs Horse & Colt Show, Colo. Springs, Colo.
26-Sept. 1—Ohio State Fair Horse Show, Columbus, Ohio.

27—Bethlehem Horse Show, Bethlehem, Conn.
28-30—Keswick Hunt Club Horse Show, Keswick, Va.

31-Sept. 8—Indiana State Fair Horse Show, Indianapolis, Ind.

SEPTEMBER
1-9—Canadian National Exhibition Horse Show, Toronto, Ont.
2—Flemington Fair Horse Show, Flemington, N. J.

2-4—Quentin Riding Club Horse Show, Quentin, Pa.
2-4—Warrenton Horse Show, Warrenton, Va.

3—Rice Farms (Fall) Horse Show, Huntington, N. Y.
4—New York State Fair Horse Show, Syracuse, N. Y.

7-9—North Shore Horse Show, Stoney Brook, N. Y.
9—Moorestown Horse Show, Moorestown, N. J.

9—Cecil County Breeders' Fair Horse Show, Fair Hill, Md.
9—Memorial Horse Show, Spring City, Pa.

9-10—Helding Hand Horse Show, Syosset, N. Y.
10—Lawrence Farms Horse Show, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

10—Delaware County Horse Show, Newtown Square, Pa.
10—Cherry Hill Horse Show, Meriden, Conn.

14-16—Piping Rock Horse Show, Locust Valley, N. Y.
15-18—Wilmington Horse Show, Wilmington, Del.

15-23—Los Angeles County Fair Horse Show, Pomona, Calif.
16-17—Lower Providence Horse Show, Collegeville, Pa.

17—Junior Horse Fair & Gymkhana, Morton Grove, Ill.
17—Middletown Rotary Club Horse Show, Middletown, N. Y.

17—Cedarvale Farm Horse Show, Wethersfield, Conn.
18-23—Tennessee State Fair Horse Show, Nashville, Tenn.

22-23—Eastern States Amateur Horse Show, W. Springfield, Mass.
24—Watchung Hunter Show, Summit, N. J.

28-30—Chester County-Bryn Mawr Horse Show, Devon, Pa.
29-Oct. 1—Montclair Horse Show, W. Orange, N. J.

30—McLean Horse Show, Greenway, Va.
30—Durham Fair Horse Show, Durham, Conn.
30-Oct. 1—Rock Spring Riding Club Horse Show, W. Orange, N. J.

OCTOBER
1—L. B. Riding Club Horse Show, Middletown, Conn.

1—Hutchinson (Fall) Horse Show, New Rochelle, N. Y.
6-7—Farmington Hunt Club Horse Show, Charlottesville, Va.

6-14—Pacific International Livestock Horse Show, N. Portland, Ore.
8—Duchess Co. PHA Horse Show, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

14-15—Staten Island Horse Show, Staten Island, N. Y.
14-21—American Royal Livestock & Horse Show, Kansas City, Mo.

23-28—Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Harrisburg, Pa.
27-Nov. 5—Grand National Livestock Horse Show, San Francisco, Calif.

31-Nov. 7—National Horse Show, New York, N. Y.

NOVEMBER
14-22—Royal Winter Fair Horse Show, Toronto, Can.

Hunter Trials

MARCH
18—Farmington Hunter Meet & Trials, Farmington, Va.

19—Deep Run Hunt Sr. Hunter Trials, Goochland Co., Va.
22-4th Annual Harkaway Hunter Trials, Warrenton, Va.

25—Middleburg Hunt Hunter Trials, Middleburg, Va.
31—Champion Hunter of Va. Blue Ridge Hunt Hunter Trials, Berryville, Va.

APRIL
23-8th Annual Valley Forge Hunter Trials, Valley Forge, Pa.

Racing

DECEMBER
26-March 4—Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc., Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, Calif. 50 days.

JANUARY
13-March 14—Sunshine Park Racing Assn., Sunshine Park, Tampa, Fla. 51 days.
17-March 3—Hialeah Race Course, Inc., Hialeah, Fla. 40 days.

FEBRUARY
20-March 25—Oaklawn Jockey Club, Oaklawn Park, Hot Springs, Ark. 30 days.

FEBRUARY STAKES
4—SANTA SUSANA S., 7 f., 3-yr.-old fillies, (Santa Anita) \$50,000 Added
11—SAN ANTONIO 'CAP, 1½ m., 3 & up, (Santa Anita) \$50,000 Added
11—McLennan, 1½ m., 3 & up, (Hialeah Park) \$25,000 Added
18—SANTA ANITA DERBY, 1½ m., 3-yr.-olds, (Santa Anita) \$100,000 Added
25—SANTA ANITA 'CAP, 1½ m., 3 & up, (Santa Anita) \$100,000 Guaranteed to winner
25—WIDENER, 1½ m., 3 & up, (Hialeah Park) \$50,000 Added

MARCH
4-April 19—Gulfstream Park Racing Assn., Inc., Gulfstream Park, Hallandale, Fla. 40 days.
7-April 29—Tanforan Co., Ltd., Tanforan, San Bruno, Calif. 46 days.

25-April 7—Md. State Fair, Inc., Laurel Park, Laurel, Md. 15 days.
25-May 6—Burrillville Racing Assn., Inc., Lincoln Downs, Lincoln, R. I. 37 days.

APRIL
1-May 5—Metropolitan Jockey Club, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y. 30 days.
8-April 26—Harford Agri. & Breeders' Assn., Havre de Grace, Md. 16 days.

22-May 10—Eastern Racing Assn., Inc., Suffolk Downs, East Boston, Mass. 43 days.
29-May 15—National Jockey Club, Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, Mo. 14 days.

29-May 27—Pimlico-Havre de Grace (Joint-meeting), 21 days. (No racing Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23).

MAY
1-30—Garden State Racing Assn., Garden State Park, Camden, N. J. 26 days (tent.)
3-June 24—Golden Gate Turf Club, Albany, Calif. 46 days.

6-June 10—Westchester Racing Assn., Belmont Park, 31 days.
16-June 17—Lincoln Fields Racing Assn., Inc., Lincoln Fields, Crete, Ill. 29 days.

25-July 24—Michigan Racing Assn., Detroit, Mich. 35 days.
26-July 5—Fairmount Park, Collinsville, Ill. 28 days.

29-July 4—Delaware Steeplechase and Race Assn., Delaware Park, Stanton, Del. 32 days.

JUNE
12-July 4—Queens County Jockey Club, Aqueduct, L. I., N. Y. 20 days.

12-July 8—Narragansett Racing Assn., Inc., Pawtucket, R. I. 24 days.
17-Aug. 10—Monmouth Park Jockey Club, Oceanport, N. J. 47 days (tent.)

17-July 29—Arlington Park Jockey Club, Inc., Arlington Park, Chicago, Ill. 38 days.
24-Sept. 4—Washington Jockey Club, Longacres, Seattle, Wash. 54 days.

27-July 22—Hollywood Turf Club, Hollywood Park, Inglewood, Calif. 20 days.

JULY
5-15—Empire City Racing Assn., Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. 10 days.

8-Sept. 4—Hazel Park, Michigan. 50 days.
10-Aug. 2—Eastern Racing Assn., Inc., Suffolk Downs, East Boston, Mass. 24 days.

17-July 29—Saratoga Assn., Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. 12 days.
18-July 29—Cumberland Fair Assn., Inc., Cumberland, Md. 10 days.

20-Sept. 9—Atlantic City Racing Assn., Atlantic City, N. J. 45 days (tent.)

28-Sept. 9—Del Mar Turf Club, Del Mar, Calif. 40 days.

31-Aug. 26—The Saratoga Assn., Saratoga, N. Y. 24 days.

31-Sept. 4—Washington Park Jockey Club, Inc., Washington Park, Homewood, Ill. 31 days.

AUGUST
1-12—Great Hagerstown Interstate Fair, Hagerstown, Md. 10 days.

7-Sept. 6—N. H. Jockey Club, Inc., Rockingham Park, Salem, N. H. 27 days.
16-26—Harford County Fair, Assn., Inc., Bel Air, Md. 10 days.

28-Sept. 16—Queens Co. Jockey Club, Aqueduct, L. I., N. Y. 18 days.
30-Sept. 9—Md. State Fair and Agri. So., Timonium, Md. 10 days.

SEPTEMBER
1-Oct. 15—Inland Empire Fair and Racing Assn., Playfair, Spokane, Wash. 13 days.

2-30—Narragansett Racing Assn., Inc., Narragansett Park, Pawtucket, R. I. 25 days.
4-30—Garden State Racing Assn., Garden State Park, Camden, N. J. 24 days (tent.)

5-Oct. 14—Hawthorne Race Course, Cicero, Ill. 35 days.
9-Oct. 7—Michigan Racing Assn., Detroit, Mich. 25 days.

13-23—S. Md. Agri. Fair Assn., Marlboro, Upper Marlboro, Md. 10 days.
13-Nov. 4—California Jockey Club, Inc., Bay Meadows, San Mateo, Calif. 46 days.

18-Oct. 9—Westchester Racing Assn., Belmont Park, L. I., N. Y. 19 days.
30-Oct. 14—S. Md. Agri. Assn., Bowie, Md. 10 days.

OCTOBER
2-Nov. 1—N. H. Jockey Club, Inc., Rockingham Park, N. H. 27 days.

12-18—Metropolitan Jockey Club, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. 6 days.
16-Nov. 4—National Jockey Club, Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, Mo. 11 days.

17-Nov. 1—Md. State Fair, Inc., Laurel, Md. 13 days.
19-Nov. 15—Empire City Racing Assn., Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. 24 days.

30-Nov. 25—Burrillville Racing Assn., Inc., Lincoln Downs, Lincoln, R. I. 24 days.

NOVEMBER
3-17—Md. Jockey Club of Baltimore City, Pimlico, Md. 13 days.

7-Dec. 16—Hollywood Turf Club, Hollywood Park, Inglewood, Calif. 20 days.
18-Dec. 2—Southern Md. Agri. Assn., Bowie, Md. 13 days.

Hunt Meetings

MARCH
11—Springdale Races, Camden, S. C.
25—Carolina Cup, Camden, S. C.

APRIL
1—Deep Run Hunt Club Hunt Races, Richmond, Va.
8—Virginia Gold Cup Assn., Warrenton, Va.

15—Middleburg Hunt Race Assn., Middleburg, Va.
15—My Lady's Manor Point-to-Point, Monkton, Md.

22—Middleburg Hunt Race Assn., Middleburg, Va.
22—Grand National Point-to-Point, Butler, Md.

29—Maryland Hunt Cup Assn., Glyndon, Md.
29—Block House Hunt Races, Tryon, N. C.

MAY
6—Whitemarsh Valley Hunt Club, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

13—Radnor Hunt Club, Malvern, Pa.
13—Iroquois Memorial Chase, Nashville, Tenn.

20—Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club, Media, Pa.
27—Fairfield & Westchester Hounds, Harrison, N. Y.

27—Oxmoor Steeplechase Meeting, Louisville, Ky.
3—Mill Creek Hunt Meeting, Lake Forest, Ill.

10—Royalton Steeplechase Assn., Indianapolis, Ind.
17—Oak Brook Race Meeting, Hinsdale, Ill.

SEPTEMBER
23—Radnor Hunt Club, Malvern, Pa.

OCTOBER
4 and 7—Rolling Rock Hunt Meeting Assn., Ligonier, Pa.

14—Whitemarsh Valley Hunt Club, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.
21—Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club, Media, Pa.

28—Monmouth County Hunt Racing Assn., Red Bank, N. J.

NOVEMBER
4—Essex Fox Hounds, Far Hills, N. J.

11—Middleburg Hunt Race Assn., Middleburg, Va.
18—Montpelier Hunt, Montpelier Station, Va.

Point-to-Points

MARCH
4—Redland Hunt Point-to-Point, Sandy Springs, Md.

18—Warrenton Hunt Old-Fashioned Point-to-Point, Warrenton, Va.
25—Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds Point-to-Point, Unionville, Pa.

29—Piedmont Point-to-Point, Upperville, Va.

APRIL
1-12th Annual Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point, West Chester, Pa.

Foreign Events

MARCH
24—Grand National, Aintree, England.

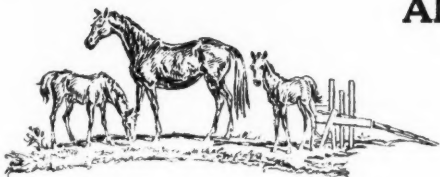
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OF THE TURF



Thoroughbreds

New Jersey-bred and Owned Eatontown Wins First of Stakes Offerings; Mel Hash Scores In Overnight Event

Joe H. Palmer

Tuesday is accounted the weakest day for racing in Florida, and as a result the Hialeah opening, which fell on that day, was considered particularly good, even though in attendance it did not quite measure up to the 1949 opening. The betting was higher, but that was the work of a ninth race. A very heavy percentage of the customers walked out on this ninth race, incidentally, which suggests first, that a saturation point has been reached, and second, that Florida tourists have more sense than I had previously credited them with.

Race tracks are often jestingly referred to as "horse parks," but Hialeah is about the only one I know which has a genuinely parklike quality. This is so completely true that it remains a tourist attraction, even during the eight months when Floridians must live largely off each other and the loot of the previous winter. During the winter season, the only picnic here is the one held by Chief Willie Osceola's Seminoles, who are brought out on Widener Handicap Day, and who feast behind the totalisator board on Spam and Pepsi-cola and other native dishes. But during the rest of the year the grounds are used as a semi-public park, for basket parties and the like. This builds good will, and also it builds expenses, since the grounds have to be kept up all year. When a track like Aqueduct or Jamaica closes, maintenance costs are virtually suspended, but Hialeah, like Belmont, has a year-round job.

On opening day the flamingoes, which have been getting a trifle frowsy with the years, seemed to have regained their original pink to a large extent. It was discovered, however, that this was an ingenious visual illusion on the part of Joe Morrow, who has care of the infield population. During the racing hours the birds spend most of their time on an island in the right end of the lake, and this being a somewhat mud-colored island, the birds didn't show up well against the background. Well, you can't paint a flamingo; he won't stand for it. So Mr. Morrow painted the island a bright green, and with this contrast the birds showed up pink again. If you want to know how to paint an island, you just take a lot of paint and a power spray and get at it. It may require re-painting during the

meeting, but Hialeah is thoroughly up to that.

Another item which adds a bit to the attractiveness of the infield is the installation of two hydraulic lifts inside the rail in the front stretch. One is used for the starter in races at a mile and a furlong, and the other, just past the finish line, is for photographers, who always like to climb up on something. At most tracks elevated wooden platforms are used, and they are awkward looking things at best. Well, Hialeah put in these hydraulic lifts, just the sort of thing that's used on your car when it is greased. When they're wanted, they rise up on the end of a steel shaft sunk in the ground, and when they're not in use they sink down and are barely visible.

The idea of a totalisator board that would sink down out of sight when it was not in use—particularly during the running of races—has been suggested occasionally. But I doubt if anything will come of it. It would be frightfully expensive, for one thing, and for another I expect horseplayers would feel disturbed and ill at ease without it, as savages do during an eclipse of the sun.

Eatontown, bred and owned in New Jersey, won the first of the stakes offerings, the Inaugural Handicap. He was bred by the late F. Wallis Armstrong, and was bought for \$7,500 by Mrs. Alfred Roberts, who named him for Eatontown, N. J., where she lives. The rider was Porter Roberts, no relation. The trainer was Hugh Dufford, whose position in the succession of trainers who have worked for Mrs. Elizabeth Graham I cannot exactly place, though it is somewhere near the middle, which would make it 11th or 12th.

One of the most impressive races during the early days of the meeting, however, came in an overnight race, in which the winner was Mel Hash, a 5-year-old Hash horse owned by Torrence C. Melrose a Cleveland hotel operator. He has been a pretty useful horse all of his life, and last year was in the money in 15 of his 17 starts. But in his first race here he was a violent outsider, at 15 to 1. The favorite, Eagle Eye, which had just been claimed from Gustave Ring, opened up a commanding margin around the turn and came into the stretch leading the nearest pursuer by 8 lengths,

and it was another length back to Mel Hash.

At the furlong-pole it was Eagle Eye by 6, Mel Hash 2nd. Then Mel Hash let loose with a terrific burst and cut the margin in two, in what looked like six or seven strides. I'd hate to think how fast he was going for that little distance. Then he stopped gaining, until he was in the last sixteenth, where he unleashed another run which made up the remaining 3 lengths and added 2 more. He got over the 6 furlongs in 1:10 1-5, much the fastest of the meeting so far. I can't think when I've seen a horse run just like that—in two chapters, so to speak—and while I doubt that Mel Hash is going to do anything tremendous, it was an unusual performance. He's by Hash, which died just as he was becoming prominent, and I imagine Mel Hash will be given a chance in the stud.

As a long-standing member of the Armed Marching and Rooting Society, I could not be displeased with the race he ran in the Royal Palm Handicap on Hialeah's first Saturday, even though he was beaten 3-4 of a length by Mrs. E. L. Hopkins' Three Rings, to which he gave one pound.

Armed hasn't the zip he once had, of course. Neither have I, for the same reason. There was a day when none of this field could have stayed with him to the first turn, but in

the Royal Palm he got there outside three horses. He matched their speed, but since he was in the outside post position, that did him no good—he couldn't get clear and take the rail. He was some 3 lengths off Three Rings heading into the back stretch, and he gained 2 1-4 lengths of it, slowly and laboriously. But the point was he kept gaining and there was no quit in him.

Three Rings has done all his racing except for his first start, in which he was unplaced, for Mrs. Hopkins, and has won \$147,870 for her. Five stakes are included, the Royal Palm twice and the Westchester among them. He was getting better at the end of last season, and apparently it's still going on.

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Latest French Importation Has No "Muddy Water" In His Pedigree and Should Develop Into Good Sire

Neil Newman

The latest importation from France arrived in New York Jan. 11, 1950 on the SS. American Merchant after a somewhat tempestuous trip of 12 days on the stormy Western Ocean, along with 13 other Thoroughbreds.

This was *Nirgal, foaled in 1943, by *Goya—Castillane, by Cameronian. Bred by Marcel Boussac, he has been acquired by E. E. D. Shaffer, owner of the Coldstream Stud, near Lexington, Ky., and will make his first stud season there this year. I understand his breeder retains an interest in him.

*Nirgal is what the French term a "bai-broun" in color with a pronounced blaze, with hind ankles white and the near fore-ankle also white. He is a horse with plenty of scope, a bit on the leg, appears to be about 16.1 high but is a very attractive individual. He has a very intelligent looking head, an exceptionally good neck and a fine shoulder deeply laid. His gaskins are particularly good and he is as sound as a bell of brass.

If appearances and performances count for anything, plus satisfactory blood lines, *Nirgal should prove to be a very successful sire in this country.

*Nirgal was a very good, if not a great racehorse. He was precocious, which is essential in this country, having won all 5 of his starts at 2, the Prix de la Porte Dauphine (5f.), the Prix Darbar (5½f.), the Prix Robert Papin (5 1-2 f.), the Prix Morny (6f.) and the Grand Criterium (1 mile). The last three stakes are the outstanding 2-year-old stakes in France.

At 3 *Nirgal was a disappointment in 5 starts he won the Prix Ridgeway (1 3-4 miles), was 2nd in the Prix Greffulhe (1 5-16 miles) and unplaced in the Grand Prix de Paris, Prix Royal Oak and the King George VI stakes at Ascot.

At 4 he displayed marked improvement, starting 7 times, winning 3 stakes and was 3rd once and 2nd in 3. His victories were scored in the Hardwicke Stakes (1 1-2 miles) at Ascot, the Princess of Wales Stakes (1 1-2 miles) at Newmarket and the Grand Prix d'Ostende (1 3-8 miles) in Belgium. He was 2nd in the Winston Churchill Stakes (1 1-4 miles) at Hurst Park, 2nd in La Couple (1 1-4 miles) at Maisons Lafitte, 2nd in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket, (1 1-4 miles) and 3rd in the Prix des Sablons (1 1-4 miles) at Longchamps.

At 5 he was out 7 times, winning 3 races, was 3 times 2nd, once 4th and once unplaced in a race won by a stable companion.

He won the Churchill Stakes (1 1-4 miles) at Hurst Park, the Prix Boiard (1 1-4 miles) at Longchamps, and the Great Yorkshire Stakes (1 1-2 miles) at York. He

was 2nd in the Hardwicke Stakes (1 1-2 miles) at Ascot, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (1 1-2 miles) at Longchamps and the Champion Stakes (1 1-4 miles) at Newmarket. He finished 4th in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes (1 1-2 miles) at Ascot, being badly interfered with in the running. He was down the course in the Prix des Sablons (1 1-4 miles) at Longchamps, after making all the running for a stable companion which won.

Last year in 3 starts *Nirgal won twice, the Prix Ganay (1 1-4 miles) at Longchamps, the Churchill Stakes (1 1-4 miles) at Hurst Park and was unplaced in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes (1 1-2 miles) at Ascot, sustaining an injury in the running which necessitated his retirement.

Phil Bull, one of the leading authorities on British racing form, stated in Timeform October, 1948, "Nirgal, a real good horse who stays just 1 1-2 miles but is better at 1 1-4". Gerald McElligott, a partner in the British Bloodstock Agency and one of the soundest judges of racing form in western Europe, expressed the opinion *Nirgal could whip any horse in western Europe up to 10 furlongs and the majority of them at 1 1-2 miles.

I have a very high regard for *Nirgal's sire *Goya, now standing in Kentucky at Henry H. Knight's Almahurst Farm. Among other races Goya won the Glimcrack Stakes, the St. James Palace Stakes, the Prix des Sablons twice and the Prix Boiard. In addition to *Nirgal he has sired Goylama (Prix de la Foret, Prix Eugene Adam, Prix Boiard, Ormonde Stakes at Chester, Grand Prix de St. Cloud and the Coronation Cup, 1 1-2 miles, at Epsom), Saudjar (French Derby, Prix de La Rochette, Prix Eugene Adam), Gafar (Prix Noailles, 3rd in the Grand Prix de Paris and French Derby), Corteira (top of the handicap in 1947 as the best 2-year-old filly, winner at 3 of the French 1000 Guineas, Prix de Diane, Prix Vermeille, by long odds the best 3-year-old filly in France in 1948), Goyaz (Prix Juigne) and Good Luck (French Derby, 1949).

*Goya is a son of Tourbillon, leading sire in France on three occasions. *Goya was leading sire in France in 1947 and leading sire of 2-year-olds there in 1945. His dam Zariba by Sardanapale, is out of St. Lucie, a daughter of St. Serf and the immortal Fairy Gold. Zariba was a good stake winner and in addition to *Goya, she was the dam of Goyescas, a high class stake winner which had to be destroyed by reason of a broken leg sustained in a race; Abjer, a high class stake winner which was run into and killed by a motor lorry after completing one stud season and Corrida, the largest money winning mare in Eur-

ope, dam of a classic winner but all trace of her was lost after she was taken into Germany during the war.

The dam of *Nirgal, Castillane, was by Cameronian the Derby winning son of Pharos. Cameronian's dam, Una Cameron was by the great racehorse, greater sire and leading broodmare sire, Gainsborough, (sire of Hyperion) out of the Oaks winner Cherimoya by Cherry Tree. Castillane is out of Castagnette by Sardanapale, next dam Casquetts, a daughter of Captivation (Cyllene—Charm, by St. Simon)—Cassis by Morion. Castillane ran but three times at 2 without winning and *Nirgal is her only living foal.

Castagnette, the second dam of *Nirgal, was a winner up to 1 1-8 miles and produced four winners, Cecias (by Ramus), winner of the Prix Morny and a top class 2-year-old; Antiochus (by Asterus) winner of 10 races including the Prix Matchem; Alfane (by Asterus), winner at 2 and dam in England of the winners Nith, Solar, Rythm and Privy Council; and Apsara (by Asterus), winner at 2 of the important Prix des Reves d'Or. Her first foal, Nepta, was a winner at 2 in 1947.

Casquetts, the third dam of *Nirgal, never ran but produced 10 winners, the best of which was Carissima (by Clarissimus), winner of the Prix Malleret and Prix de Minerve, and 2nd in the French Oaks. She is the dam of Carius (by Pharos), winner of the Prix Berteux and his full brother Pharis, unbeaten at 3 the only year he raced. He ran 3 times, 2 of his victories were the Grand Prix de Paris and French Derby. At stud he was the sire of *Ardan, *Priam, Palencia and Periphas.

*Nirgal's female line traces back to Jenny Diver, ancestress of the high class stake winner Jenny Howlett (Oaks), Musa (Oaks), Mirska (Oaks), Tagali (One Thousand Guin-

eas and Derby and dam of Allenby).

It will be noted *Nirgal's pedigree shows two crosses of Sardanapale, winner of the Prix Jacowleff, Prix Morny, Seine-et-Oise, Lagrange, Hocquart, Miss Gladiator, Hedouville, du Jockey Club, Grand Prix de Paris, du President de la Republique, and Eugene Adam and 1,105,645 francs. He was the sire of Aldebaran, the unbeaten Presige, Apelle, Bahadur, Cyrus, Donziade, Fiterari, etc. His daughters as broodmares were "pearls beyond price."

The name of Captivation will be noted in *Nirgal's pedigree. This son of Cyllene—Charm, by St. Simon was the sire of Kircubbin, conqueror of the mighty *Ksar in the Prix du President de la Republique and sire of Chateau Bouscaut.

There is no "muddy water" in *Nirgal's pedigree and in the years to come he should develop into a successful sire in this country.



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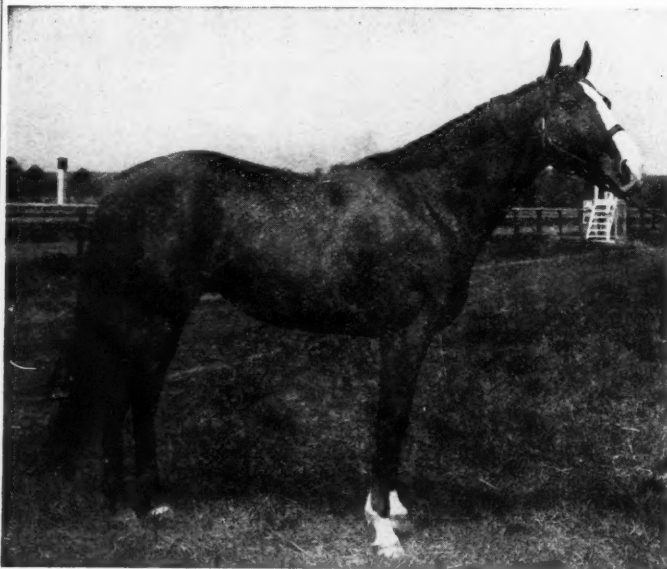
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Archwood Manor

H. M. Simpson of The Plains, Va., runs his breeding establishment in an unconventional manner, as far as the stallion Boston Man is concerned. For instance, Boston Man, br. 1938, by Bostonian—Candy May, by *Wormleighton, breeds a few mares in the spring while he is in semi-training for the races. Mr. Simpson then takes him to Charles Town, knocks out a couple of heats, and continues this procedure intermittently.

During the 1949 spring meeting at Charles Town, Tiffin, a 3-year-old roan filly by Boston Man—Honey Bun, was a winner, and so was her dam, and sire, at the same meeting. Boston Man accounted for 2 races and Honey Bun for 1. Mr. Simpson says it doesn't hurt him any and apparently, in this particular case, it doesn't, as Boston Man is in the best of health, and has sired some right good looking offspring. A 4-year-old chestnut by Boston Man has the right kind of conformation to be a good steeplechase prospect, and several others by him can run "no little bit".

Pine brook Farm

There will be three stallions at Dr. F. A. O'Keefe's Pine Brook Farm, Bealton, Va., for the 1950 season. They include Pot o'Luck, *Piping Rock, and Zacatine. Pot o'Luck and *Piping Rock are syndicated, and formerly stood at Walter P. Chrysler's North Wales Stud in Warrenton. Dr. O'Keefe is particularly high on Pot o'Luck which looks like a Fair Play, although bay in color. He is by Chance Play—Pot-teen, by Wildair, and ranks second to War Admiral in earnings among the Fair Play sires now at stud. Pot o'Luck fits into the picture already painted by the Fair Play line inasmuch as he was a good 2-year-old (winning the Champagne Stakes, Pimlico Futurity, and was among the best of his year), then developed stamina for classic and cup races in the following years. At 3 he was the leading money winning colt, winning the Ben Ali Handicap, Classic Stakes, Lawrence Realization, Jockey Club Gold Cup, Governor Bowie Handicap, was 2nd in the Kentucky Derby, etc.

He gets foals with a lot of quality, the first of which reach the races next year, and his book is nearly filled for the coming season.

Miller Farm

W. A. Miller, the postmaster of Washington, Va., has a farm in the above mentioned hamlet, which is diversified to the extent of raising horses, beef cattle, hogs, chickens, so on and so forth—like any one of a number of farms all over the country. Mr. Miller doesn't go in for showing in the beef cattle department, but he does have a pure-bred heifer in his herd that is very outstanding. This heifer weighed 1200 pounds when she was 22 months old without being finished out at all. She is smooth, broad, and deep, with a good looking head that is put on right. She should be shown as she is one of the best to be seen anywhere.

Warcraft, br., 1936, by Man o'War—Foxcraft, by Foxlaw, is the well-bred stallion of Mr. Miller's which is standing at his farm, and has the reputation of stopping every mare. The few foals that I have seen by him are well put together, and one in particular owned by Mr. Miller, could make a top show hunter, or even a steeplechase prospect.

Inglecress Farm

Dr. J. P. Jones wasn't always a noted trainer and breeder of good blood-stock, a position he holds today. He grew up on a farm over in Culpeper, Va., received his early schooling there, graduated from V. P. I. and then received his M. D. from the University of Virginia. After becoming a Doctor of Medicine, he went to Niagara Falls and became the company doctor for the Union Carbide Co., a post he held for five years. At the end of this time, he thought that he would like to practice for himself, so he gave this a whirl for another five years. His heart wasn't in it, so he came back to Virginia and started up the ladder in the Thoroughbred game. At the present time he has a stout hold on the top rung.

Air Hero, ch., 1943, by *Blenheim II—Anchors Ahead, by Man o'War, heads the stud at Dr. Jones' Inglecress Farm and according to Dr. Jones, who trained him, Air Hero was a much better race horse than his record indicates. A series of misfortunes prevented his displaying in public the ability he had disclosed in training. After his last start in public, he fractured a sesamoid bone in a work-out, which, in order not to break him down completely, necessitated his retirement to the stud.

Racing through his 2 and 3-year-old years, Air Hero started 17 times, won 7, was 2nd three times, and unplaced 7 times, for a total of \$45,975.

Air Hero stands 16 hands, is chestnut in color, and weighs in the neighborhood of 1,100 pounds. He is exceptionally well proportioned, has good bone, is well muscled, and is of near perfect balance, with all of the quality that *Blenheim II imparts to many of his illustrious sons. He is very masculine in appearance, devoid of any sign of grossness; in short, he is one of the most handsome stallions to be seen anywhere.

Air Hero descends from one of the most successful sire lines in the world and his bottom line is nearly peerless. His first dam, Anchors Ahead, was one of the late Crispin Oglebay's foundation broodmares. At the dispersal of broodmares by the estate, held in Keeneland, Ky. this fall, Anchors Ahead brought \$13,500 from the C. V. Whitney interests. She was probably the bargain of the lot, even though she was 17 years old at the time; a double bargain in view of her being bred to Whirlaway.

In addition to the stakes winner Air Hero, she produced Ocean Blue (winner of the Survivor Stakes, Rembert, Jennings Handicaps, etc.), Price Level, (Rancocas, Spinaway, Jeanne d'Arc, Autumn Day Stakes, 2nd in the Colonial Handicap, 3rd in the Matron Stakes), True Blue, (2nd in the Hopeful, Cowdin Stakes, etc.), and On the Level, (also dam of 3 winners).

Anchors Ahead is also full sister to War Relic, Speed Boat, and War Kilt, they being by Man o'War—Friar's Carse, by Friar Rock.

Air Hero's first five dams produced winners and 4 of them stakes winners. With a heritage such as this, one wonders how Air Hero can fail.

Did You Know?

Miss Woodford was the first Thoroughbred to win \$100,000 in this country—Man o'War the first to win \$200,000—Zev, \$300,000—Seabiscuit, \$400,000—Whirlaway, \$500,000—Assault, \$600,000—Stymie, \$700,000, \$800,000, \$900,000.

Llangollen Farm Stallions

*ENDEAVOUR II

BOOKING FOR 1950

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			Hurry On	Ajax
			Selene	Rondeau
			Ferrier	Neil Gow
			Mystify	Gallenza
				Marcovil
				Tout Suite
				Chaucer
				Serenissima
				Perlimmon
				Amphora
				Disguise
				Dominoes

Breeding

*ENDEAVOUR II goes back on his dam's side to the same Domino in-breeding which produced High Time, Dominant and Bubbling Over. His grandam, Mystify produced the good classic winners Pert Maid and Paramount while her dam Dominoes, produced Dominant by Delhi, by Ben Brush, Hippodrome, sire of the 2nd dam of Bubbling Over.

Speed and Stamina

IN ARGENTINA

At 3 and 4, out of 17 starts, *ENDEAVOUR II had 10 firsts, 3 seconds and 2 thirds—ONLY OUT OF THE MONEY TWICE. In the Argentina 2000 Guineas *ENDEAVOUR II beat *Rico Monte, *Talon and six others.

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Bonne Nuit, grey horse, 1934, by *Royal Canopy—*Bonne Cause, by Bonfire.

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Calumet Appears To Be On Eve of Big Things With Fleet of Super Rockets Ascending To Newer and Dizzier Heights

Aidan Roark

It will not be at all surprising if the devices which record earth tremors begin to wiggle within the next few weeks. In fact, it is quite possible the needles on recording instruments will spin like tops and record a series of shocks having their center at Arcadia, Calif. But don't be alarmed, and don't blame Mother Nature. The shocks are likely to be caused by none other than Calumet Farm. From where we sit it appears that Calumet is on the eve of big things, and when the smoke clears away it is not unlikely the Warren Wright's fleet of super rockets will have ascended to new and dizzier heights.

During the past few weeks Calumet's rockets have been warming up and it has become quite evident that the slight hissing noise now clearly discernible may soon turn into such a deafening roar that only those owners with the strongest nerves will hang around to see what happens.

Of course we may be wrong, we have been before and will again, but the suspicion deepens that two of the \$100,000 stakes and possibly three, are at the mercy of those Calumet missiles known as: Citation, Ponder, Two Lea, Fervent and a handful of 3-year-old projectiles now in the warming up stage. Calumet may not have a strangle hold on the Maturity and Santa Anita Handicaps, but as this is written they seem to have a fairly solid grip on those two events and the prospect of at least a toe hold on the Santa Anita Derby.

Citation made his long awaited appearance on the afternoon of the 12th, and scored very handsily from three others in a 6-furlong sprint

over a sloppy track. Steve Brooks did not hustle Citation away from the gate. He let him loaf down the backstretch about 2 lengths off the pace and on around the turn, but as the small field turned into the stretch, Brooks shook him up and the big horse responded easily, coming on to win by 1 1-2 lengths in 1:11 2-5. Jimmy Jones, the Calumet trainer, appeared very well pleased after the race, and voiced the opinion that he thought Citation was going to be all right, a remark some keen observers thought was a wee bit on the conservative side. With another easy race or two under Citation's belt, it is entirely possible Jones will be able to don his rose colored glasses. But perhaps this time he did not wish to alarm those owners who may be thinking of taking a crack at the Calumet rocket.

If all the Calumet horses come up to the Santa Anita Handicap in good form, they can start a very formidable relay team in Citation, Ponder, Fervent and Two Lea. In winning three straight at this meeting, the latter brilliant mare must be counted as a definite threat. Of course, it is a tough race for a mare, but it will be recalled that *Miss Grillo finished 3rd last year and came very close to winning.

Two Lea is the best mare we have seen on the coast in many years. The daughter of Bull Lea and Two Bob has brilliant speed, stamina, and the heart of a lion. On Jan. 5, she gave Gaffery 6 pounds and beat her a neck at 7-furlongs. Gaffery actually got her nose in front a few strides from the wire, but the Calumet outgamed her and was drawing away again as they passed the jud-

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Some Comments From the Trainers

George Odom, Now At Hialeah, States Position In Man o'War Camp Against Citation But Adds Coaltown To List

Tom Shehan

George Odom, the veteran trainer, sat in one of the front row boxes at Hialeah, watch in hand, watching the workouts when a newspaper reporter approached him and asked him if he had to make a choice which horse he would chose—Man o'War or Citation.

"I'm a Man o'War man, myself," said Odom, who came out of Columbus, Ga. to win fame first as a jockey and later as a trainer. He was working on his share of fame as a steward when he got a chance to train horses again. "It would be impossible to compare them, of course, but I have to take Man o'War."

However, Odom, who is training the Circle M. Farm horses here, did think that Citation would have to be ranked next to "Big Red" in any listing of the first 10.

"And you would have to put Coaltown in there," he went on, much to the surprise of several present. "He's got the kind of speed you can't overlook."

Odom is proceeding with his training program for the Circle M. Farm's Relic. In case you have forgotten, that son of War Relic was expected to be Citation's chief rival down here 3 years ago after he won the Hibiscus Stakes in impressive fashion. He turned up with muscle trouble around the hip, missed the Flamingo and other important 3-year-old stakes events.

Later he was returned to training at Saratoga, but turned up with a bowed tendon. Relic has been out of racing now for almost 2 years and Odom is not too sanguine that he is going to be successful in bringing him back.

"He's doing all right now," said

George, "but I'm not too sure about that leg. It may fill up again."

Armed was able to win his 4th race in 2 years recently at Tropical Park, The Partington Purse, but Ben Jones didn't join those who immediately nominated him as a "dark horse" for the \$50,000 Widener.

"Who ever heard of a 9-year-old horse winning a \$50,000 race?" asked Ben. "That's the equivalent of asking a 45-year-old Jack Dempsey to whip a 20-year-old Joe Louis. Jack was a great fighter in his day, but you know he is going to have his ears punched off in that kind of a fight."

Ben didn't exactly fancy the weight assignment of 116 pounds given the leading money winning gelding of all time. "Why the old horse hasn't won a handicap race in 2 years," he pointed out. "He's finished 2nd in a couple of handicap races, but only because we've run him with Coaltown. And those other horses with a chance ducked the race because they were ducking Coaltown. We want the old horse to win everything that he can win, but he's just not as good as he used to be."

Met Fred W. Hooper shortly after
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*Hunters Moon IV's Bloodlines

*Hunters Moon IV Combines Son-in-Law And Herod Blood; Combination Produced Stakes Winners Running Between Flags

Frank Talmadge Phelps

The first American stakes race of 1950 was the \$50,000 added Santa Catalina Handicap at Santa Anita on Jan. 2. This 1 1-8 mile event for California-breds went to King and Luellwitz's 4-year-old gelding Moonrush, which finished 2 lengths ahead of Solidarity, the only horse in the field to give weight to the victor.

Moonrush, by *Hunters Moon IV—Bustle, by *Pharamond II, was bred by Louis B. Mayer. Gus Luellwitz paid \$10,500 for the gelding at the Mayer dispersal of 2-year-olds in January, 1948. Moonrush had won himself out before the end of the year. His juvenile victories included the first running of the Berkeley Stakes.

Last season, the Berkeley was changed to a handicap for 3-year-olds. Moonrush again took it, and also captured the Peter Clark and Bay Meadows Handicaps, and \$73,600. In the Bay Meadows, he nipped Solidarity by a nose while equaling the track record of 1:49 for 1 1-8 miles. Moonrush placed behind Prevaricator in the San Diego Handicap; showed in Pedigree's Oakland Handicap; and ran 4th in Pedigree's Golden Gate Derby, Cinema Handicap and Westerner Stakes.

His Santa Catalina triumph brought Moonrush's lifetime earnings to \$115,780.

Moonrush is the fourth stakes victor for his 17-year-old sire. The others are Boston Moon, which triumphed in the 1948 Tijuana Cup; Stirrup Cup, which annexed the 1947 Yerba Buena Stakes; and Lunada, which acquired the Premio 20 de Noviembre, Handicap Hidalgo and Clasico Jockey de Buenos Aires in Mexico.

*Hunters Moon IV, by Foxhunter—Pearl Opal, by Bruleur, did not race at 2. As a 3-year-old, he captured the Prix Juigne and Prix La Rochette, his only two starts in France. Then he was taken to England, where he made only one trip to the post that year. That was the White Rose Stakes, in which he finished 2nd to Tricameron but moved into 1st place when the latter was disqualified. Thus *Hunters Moon IV completed his 3-year-old season without a loss.

He was not quite so fortunate at four. He took the Cesarewitch under 131 pounds, the highest weight carried by a winner of that event in a century. He placed behind Atout Maitre in the New Jockey Club Cup; and ran fourth in the Chippenham Stakes. He was unplaced in his only other start, the Nottingham Stakes.

That completed *Hunters Moon IV's racing career. He triumphed four times and was second on one occasion in seven outings. He earned 140,450 francs in France; £3,934 in England.

*Hunters Moon IV entered stud in 1941. He has had comparatively small crops with only 58 named foals in his first six. Of these, 52 have started and 44 have won a total of 179 races and about \$500,000.

Foxhunter, sire of *Hunters Moon IV, annexed the Ascot Gold and Doncaster Cups, Queen's Prize and Tudor Stakes. He stood for seven seasons in France, where his get have acquired the Prix du Conseil Municipal, Prix de l'Esperance, Prix Franc Tireur and Prix du Cadran.

In England, his offspring have captured the Ascot (twice), Trial and Criterion Stakes, Jockey Club Cup, Ebor Handicap and Gold Vase; and placed in both the Derby and Oaks.

Foxhunter was sent to Argentina immediately after the war. He sired the 1949 Argentine Derby winner Swing. Another son of Foxhunter, Fox Cub, headed the Argentine sire list last season.

Foxhunter's Oaks-placed daughter, White Fox, is out of Bipearl, half-sister to *Hunters Moon IV's dam, Pearl Opal. *Hunters Moon IV was the first and only foal of Pearl Opal, full sister to Pearlash, which took the Prix la Rochette and Prix Edgard de la Charme; and to the stakes producer *Black Pearl II.

Pearl Maiden, second dam of *Hunters Moon IV, also foaled Pearlweed, which triumphed in the 1935 French Derby; that great mare Pearl Cap, which annexed the 1931 French Oaks and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and produced the 1947 English Derby winner Pearl Diver; and Pearl Drop, grandam of Tourment, which acquired the French 2,000 Guineas.

In his main cross, *Hunters Moon IV combines the blood of the Son-in-Law and Herod lines. This same combination produced Trough Hill, which was named the best steeplechaser of 1949 in The Derby Racing Form poll. Since both the Son-in-Law and Herod lines are noted getters of jumpers, this suggests that *Hunters Moon IV, when mated to suitable mares, might develop into a powerful 'chasing sire.

Foxlaw, grandsire of *Hunters Moon IV, sired *Deanslaw, which defeated Elkridge in the 1942 Georgetown Steeplechase Handicap and five years later bested Floating Isle in the Indian River. Foxlaw was by Son-in-Law, as was Bosworth, grandsire of *Britannicus III, which captured the 1948 Forget Hurdle.

*Tourist II, another son of Son-in-Law, took the Grand National (twice), Manly Memorial and Brook Steeplechases. He sired the stakes-winning jumpers Trough Hill, Tourist List and Gadabout. *Tourist II was 3rd on the 'chasing sire list last year.

Bruleur, maternal grandsire of *Hunters Moon IV, is the paternal grandsire of *Dolly's Love, which triumphed in the 1938 Cagliostro Hurdle Handicap and, two years later having been converted to the fences, annexed the Saratoga, Battleship and Manly Steeplechases. Bruleur is by Chouberski, which got the dam of two Maryland Hunt Cup victors. Chouberski is a son of Cambyse, tail male ancestor of Redlands, which acquired the 1942 Charles L. Appleton Memorial Cup.

Most of the Herod-line influence on 'chasing, of course, descends through another line, chiefly by way of The Tetrarch and his sons. Of particular importance have been *Stefan the Great, Tetratema, and the latter's son *Gino, sire of the stakes-winning steeplechasers American Way, The Heir and Genanoke. *Gino was 5th on the jumping sire list last season.

*Hunters Moon IV formerly stood in California, where he was owned by L. B. Mayer. The stallion also held court in Kentucky for two seasons before moving to Virginia in 1949. He is now owned by C. T. Chenery and stands at Mr. Chenery's The Meadow, Doswell, Va., at an advertised 1950 fee of \$500 for live foal.

Santa Anita

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ges' stand. Ten days later, Two Lea really showed what she was made of. Under top weight of 126 lbs., and over a muddy track, she won the \$50,000 Santa Margarita (1 1-8 miles) from a notable field. Gaffery again finished 2nd, 2 lengths away, with But Why Not 3rd, Honeymoon 4th, and Miss Request last in the field of 8. This race was almost an exact repetition of their previous meeting, at least as far as this pair is concerned. Gaffery got to Two Lea at the eighth pole looking all over a winner, but when Brooks called on Two Lea she shot to the front again and won going away.

Ponder and Two Lea will give Calumet a very strong hand in the Maturity on the 28th, and if they decide to add this pair, plus Citation and Fervent for the Handicap, they will have a right nice pony express team.

Calumet has named six 3-year-olds for the Derby, including Re-Armed, a full brother to the renowned gelding Armed. Also nominated is Skelter, half-brother to Ponder, and Foremost, by Whirlaway out of the brilliant mare, Twilight Tear. Sunlit, another eligible, showed promise in winning a sprint very easily a few days ago. As far as form at this meeting is concerned Calumet's prospects do not appear as bright as in the other \$100,000 races, but when Derby day comes around they will probably have an entry capable of putting up a stiff argument. Anything can, and possibly will happen, between now and Feb. 18, but this observer believes that anything which beats the two California-breds, Blue Reading and Your Host, will have to do some real running.

After enjoying a well deserved rest, On Trust, with all-time winnings of \$499,000, returned to racing on Jan. 17. He was beaten a head by John's Joy in a 6-furlong overnight, but his good race indicated that he may be hard to beat in some of the rich stakes later on.

Olympia's form has been very disappointing. After a very impres-

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he had returned from his trip to California to see Olympia run. Asked how the son of *Heliopolis—Miss Dolphin came out of the race, the Florida contractor replied, "He never looked better, but he just doesn't seem to get the job done."

Of his other handicap hope, *Colossal, Mr. Hooper remarked that the South American just didn't seem to like the Santa Anita track.

"They have a deep cushion on that track out there and it cups underneath," remarked Mr. Hooper. "Colossal has those long pasterns on him and he likes a track that is firmer and faster underneath. I wish I had him here."

J. Fred Colwill, racing secretary for the steeplechasers at Pimlico and Laurel, is a visitor here. On holiday too, is Stewart Sears, business manager for The Maryland Horse.

Hialeah Race Course presented Chuck Connors of the Daily Racing Form and Frank Ortell of the New York World Telegram each with a silver plate in recognition of the fact that they were on hand for the original opening of Hialeah on Jan. 15, 1925. This is Hialeah's Silver Jubilee Anniversary because of the fact that there were 3 years, including 2 during the recent war, when the track was not operated.

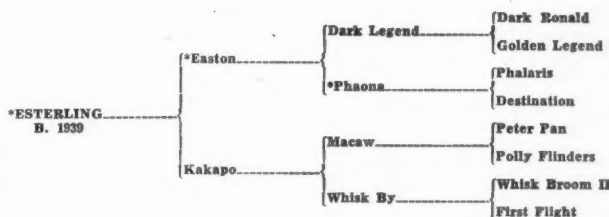
sive victory on opening day, he has since failed three times over distances and horses which should have been duck soup for him. He did have an excuse for losing his second start as he was run off his legs in a :44 4-5 half, but after being well placed in his last two races he dropped out of contention suddenly and finished far back. It seems there must be some reasonable explanation for these miserable performances, and we wonder what it is. We would have been inclined to have given him a very good chance in the Maturity, but in view of his last races his owner could scarcely even consider sending him to the post.

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Second best in 1948 was M. Volterra (breeder of Bois Roussel), Epsom Derby 1938, who bred My Love and Royal Drake, 1st and 2nd Epsom Derby 1948 and Amour Drake, a top 2-year-old. My Love ran for the large events in H. H. The Aga Khan's colours.

Before the war, M. Boussac was leader in 1939 (the year of Pharis) 1937 and 1936, but was beaten in 1938 by Baron E. de Rothschild and J. E. Widener.

Studs and stables, big and small, dispersed through war and occupation are coming into shape again in France including such as those of E. de Rothschild, H. H. The Aga Khan and Prince Aly Khan. Old and new breeders and owners are hampered by prevailing disturbed economical conditions. The cost of breeding and training is higher than the probable returns from the track.

Thoroughbreds are very often priced in terms of pounds sterling and follow the trend of the English market. Services of leading stallions cost between \$1,000 and \$2,000. Mares with fashionable blood lines on both sides are worth from \$10,000 to \$30,000; those with classic records or proven produce reach double.

Opportunities for mares to win on the track are comparatively small in whatever class they run. A majority are therefore retired maidens to the studs each year. Greater importance is attached to blood lines than to money won, but type of stakes won is not neglected.

Theory has a great influence in French breeding and the principal studs follow the theories that have proved in practice the most successful.

BLOOD LINES

Descendants through the male lines of Bend Or, Dollar and Galopin accounted for more than 80 percent of the winners in France during the last two years.

Teddy (Aethelstan, Asterus), Ksar (Tourbillon) and St. Simon (Vatout, Massine, Rose Prince, Rabelias) were mostly responsible for the success in their respective lines. A reputation for speed is frequently attached to the Teddy and Ksar lines, whereas St. Simon has stamina. However, no line can be stamped as purely precocious, short distance or staying.

Let us take as example two daughters of Asterus: Astronomie and Orlamonde. The first named has produced the three outstanding stayers of the last decade. She had Arbar, by Djebel (Tourbillon) a distance horse, which started at 3 years and won the Ascot Gold Cup. Orlamonde, with the same sire, produced Damnos one of the fastest 2-year-olds of his age.

Speed combined with stamina, is the French ideal for a Thoroughbred. This combination, which is class in itself, produces each year a number of first rate horses and a fair percentage of pure sprinters or milers and genuine stayers of high quality.

In the future, emphasis on other blood lines is to be expected since the return from Germany of Pharis (Polymelus), Bubbles (La Farina) and Brantome (Blandford). Two Gainsborough stallions are now standing in France: Umiddad and Winterhalter. Young stallions of which much is expected will have their first crops racing in a year or two: Souverain (Massine), Le Pailon and Sayani (both Polymelus). Coming, self-made stallions during the last two years are Nosca (Asterus) and Norseman (Blandford).

The following figures outline the present situation:

Thoroughbred mares—3450; Stallions—238 (of which 63 are State property).

The production of foals had grown since World War I to over 2500 in 1928-29-30. They dropped to under 1500 in 1939 and down to 930 in 1942. However, the last two crops show a sharp increase with 1665 and 1682. One can see how severely French breeding was hit between 1940 and 1945.

Produce foaled by deported (appropriated) mares is not all registered in the French Stud Book, but only according to the year they were foaled. This is done to be sure of pedigrees. All have the right to race, however, if placed on a special list.

The track still feels the effect of the lack of foals due to the war in the older generations. Events for 4-year-olds and upwards often attract very small fields in striking contrast to races open to 2 or 3-year-olds.

PRECOCITY

French breeders as a rule are not keen on breeding with emphasis on 2-year-olds as purses for this age are second-rate. Some, however, find a profit in catering to precocity rather than to class, which needs greater capital and patience at the start.

Leading winning sires of 2-year-olds in 1948 were:

Sires	2-y.-o.	Winners	Wins
Astrophel (Bend Or)	17	8	13
Atys (Bend Or)	14	8	12
Djebel (Dollar)	13	8	12
Dadji (Bend Or)	10	7	12
Button (Monarch)	12	6	12
Manfred (Wisdom)	12	5	7
Panipat (Bend Or)	8	5	10
Veloucreme (Hermite)	8	5	9

Astrophel, Atys and Dadji are sons of Asterus (Teddy), while Djebel (Tourbillon) sired the better class horses with Coronation, Arbace, Marveil, Targui and Gismonda.

Precocity and short distances are linked in the minds of the French sportsman. Lines ranked as precocious are:

Epinaud-Rodosto (Dollar-Callistrate)
Phalaris (Bend Or—Bona Vista)
Asterus (Bend Or—Teddy)

Generally the fastest French 2-year-olds maintain their rank and speed as 3-year-olds. Nearly fifty per cent of the forty best 2-year-olds were sired by Tourbillon (Dollar-Gardefeu) or his sons, Djebel, Goya, Tornado. At the same time, this line is at its best in its second season and produces classic winners and high class stayers.

Tourbillon and his sons missed all the classics for 3-year-olds last year except the fillies: Corteira (Goya) won the fillies triple crown, Poule d'Essai des Poulchies, Prix de Diane and Prix Vermeille.

1948 3-year-old produce stakes and classics went to Rigolo (Swinford—Blandford), Flush Royal (Teddy—Aethelstan), Bey (Teddy—Aethelstan), My Love (St. Simon—Vatout), Spooner (St. Simon—Rabelais), all from the more staying lines of the French breed.

HORSE SALES

Auction sales ruled the French bloodstock market till World War II; yearlings at Deauville in August, mares at Neuilly, Paris, in November, horses in training throughout the year. Complete collapse of these sales has since taken place owing to the reduction of studs and stables, and owing, too, to heavy taxation.

Auction sales at Deauville were taken up again in 1948; 150 yearlings were sold for a total of 90 million francs. On the average a well-bred yearling was auctioned for \$4,500. Foreigners were the best buyers, from England, Italy and Ireland. This year and the following seasons should see a considerable increase in the number of animals offered.

Good bargains, in every type of animal, weanlings, yearlings, horses

in training, mares and stallions, are to be obtained in France, as long as the internal economic situation and low price returns on the tracks encourage exportation.

The great number of French exports indicates how much the breed is appreciated throughout the world.

463 Thoroughbreds were exported in 1948 to 26 different countries. Biggest clients were Great Britain (235), United States (43), Italy (39), Hungary (35) etc. During the first three months last year, England was leading buyer again with a total of 61 out of the 93 definitely exported.

CONCLUSION

The American sportsman will not at first feel at home on the big French tracks. He will find no loudspeakers, no description of the race, no starting gates, no time and odds boards and will have difficulty in even reading the tote-board at Longchamp. Betting pools are different in some ways, and it takes time to familiarise oneself with the way jockeys ride and how races are run, as well as with the lack of punctuality of the post times.

Soon, however, he will recognise the beauty of the long grass courses and the wonderful surroundings of Longchamp and Auteuil, the fine quality of the horses and their burst of speed in the final stretch.

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Broadview

Canadian youngsters are doing great things in a riding way. There is a particularly enthusiastic group in and around Toronto, Ontario, a large percentage being members of the Eglinton Branch of the Pony Club.

On Dec. 30 the Toronto Juniors staged their annual Christmas Horse Show at which a collection was made for the Sick Children's Hospital. The show was made possible through the kindness of Maj. Clifford Sifton, who put his large arena at the disposal of the show.

All show officials and committee members were members or associate members of the local branch of the Pony Club but the only restriction as to exhibitors, was that all riders should be 18 years or under. To some, this may seem an over generous age limit, but there are not many opportunities for older boys or girls to compete in open shows unless they have exceptional horses and the means and free time from school to enable them to attend such shows. Pony Club associate members are over 16 years and up to 21 and there are many of these who retain an active interest in the Pony Club and its aims to further good horsemanship. Of these there are, of course, a number who want to test their ability and that of their horses in competition, not to mention keeping in with the spirit of things. Open shows are becoming too technical and serious to provide much real fun for contestants. The junior shows held in Toronto three or four times a year are designed to promote sportsmanship and classes are always provided to suit all types of young horse enthusiasts. New events and revised conditions, along with challenge trophy events with set conditions, are held at each show. The shows are always most successful and follow a loose pattern of providing events to suit the popular demand of all riders, including those that own horses, those that rent, have hunters, jumpers, or pleasure horses. It is seldom possible to provide the desired classes and conditions for all, so if emphasis is put on certain classes at one show, the next tries to put the emphasis elsewhere.

The emphasis at the Toronto Junior Christmas Horse show was put on events for privately owned horses. Classes were by no means restricted but events, having the greatest appeal and possibility of success for children who rely on renting horses, were omitted. This was done for two reasons; one being that livery stable horses are pretty well taken off work at this time of year but the main reason was an attempt to cut down on the number of horses to be exhibited, as horses (when not competing in current classes) have to remain in the part of the arena sectioned off for a hitching ring. Without control of this sort, there have been more than 100 horses and ponies crowded into this space at previous shows.

Classes for horses commenced at 9:30 a. m. Pony events were held in the afternoon so that horses could go home when their classes were finished and ponies need not arrive until 2:30. The show was over at 4

o'clock, enabling everyone to get off for home before dusk.

There were eleven classes in the first session. Most successful jumper was Jim Elder's Red Top. This bay gelding, jumping superbly, won the maiden performance and returned later to win the jumping sweepstake, and also took 2nd in the bareback performance. Miss Janet Rough, riding Maj. Gordon Gayford's well known and versatile Rocket, won the open performance and took 2nd in the stake.

Cecil Phillips won the Pielsticker Trophy for conformation hunters and the Barrington Trophy for hunter hacks. The lovely mannered brown mare, Teslin, was sent to Canada last year from the Mellon Stables. Only a 4-year-old, she has made a wonderful horse for Col. Eric Phillips' daughter.

The usual equitation events on the flat were omitted to allow for two over jumps. Keith Greenfield won the Rough Trophy for open equitation over jumps, to defeat Miss Janet Rough and John Rumble. The latter won this event at the fall show.

A new and permanent trophy was put up for competition at this show. This is for maiden equitation over jumps and is known as the George Rumble Memorial Trophy. It has been presented by a number of friends of the late George Rumble, who was such a stalwart supporter of any project for young riders. The winner was Miss Judy Caldwell, a fine young rider and one of those very capable people atop a horse. Miss Bett Rumble was 2nd, a near miss of having hers the first name to be engraved on the trophy named for her father.

The pony events were encouraging, but small, compared to the other classes. Awards were nicely spread around as conditions emphasized specific qualities in the different events and there were certain height restrictions.

The courses were more ambitious than ever attempted at indoor junior shows. This did delay the program to some extent but the boy scouts who volunteered their services did a good job and Keith Greenfield, who designed the courses, should be complimented. All required an alert and competent rider as no wings were used, every course was different, with the alternation of directions requiring sensible study before hand and serious minds on the business at hand. None was really difficult or too high but provided a nice problem of management and control.

The ability of the young riders is ever on the up-grade. There were few "passengers" and some of the kids had pretty green horses to contend with, yet performances were uniform and generally good throughout the show.



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Novice jumpers—1. Lady Diane, Ralph Pearson; 2. Kingston, Betty Ann Rough.

Open jumpers—1. Rocket, Janet Rough; 2. Jim, Doris Mason.

Rough trophy equitation over jumps—1. Keith Greenfield; 2. Janet Rough; 3. John Rumble; 4. Betty Ann Rough.

Barrington trophy, hunter hacks—1. Teslin, Cecil Phillips; 2. Cavort, Keith Greenfield; 3. Sensation, John Rumble; 4. Clonmell, Bett Rumble.

Open jumping stake—1. Red Top, Jim Elder; 2. Rocket, Janet Rough; 3. Jim, Doris Mason; 4. Kingston, Betty Ann Rough.

Novice working hunters—1. Cavort, Keith Greenfield; 2. Fleet, Marilyn Hawman; 3. Flicka, Sandra Powell; 4. Tilly, Luther Winchell.

Pielsticker hunter trophy—1. Teslin, Cecil Phillips; 2. Cavort, Keith Greenfield; 3. Rocket, Janet Rough; 4. Kingston, Betty Ann Rough.

Road hack—1. Patsy, Doris Mason; 2. Transit, Betty Ann Rough; 3. Red Top, Jim Elder; 4. Torchy, Peter Harris.

Bareback jumping—1. Flicka, Sandra Powell; 2. Red Top, Jim Elder; 3. Lady Diane, Ralph Pearson; 4. Tilly, Luther Winchell.

George Rumble Memorial Trophy, maiden equitation over jumps—1. Judy Caldwell; 2. Bett Rumble; 3. Marilyn Hawman; 4. Peter Harris.

Small pony jumpers—1. Dapples Dandy Davigold, Donna Martinez.

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Internecine warfare that has been smoldering for several years among certain polo factions on the prairies in and about Chicago, has been quelled, at least for the indoor season, by the State Militia. The Illinois National Guard, which controls the Armories in which cold weather polo is played, has settled, in true military fashion, the bitter perennial controversy of indoor polo sponsorship, supervision and direction.

These responsibilities, which also include the financial, rest with a Polo Committee comprised entirely of National Guard Officers: to-wit, two generals, four colonels and a captain.

The added risk of court martial, unfaced by previous civilian committees, seems a mere technical possibility now that Operation Polo has four successful double-header games behind it.

The polo committee of citizen-soldiers has only two "horsemen" by training. Col. Roy D. Keehn, Jr., charged with the overall function of "operations," and Capt. John C. Sullivan, in command of Chicago's Black Horse Troop, act as technical advisers. At such times, that is, as they are not in the stables trying to fit 120 horses into 110 stalls, or convincing a Hell-bent-for-Florida team captain that the sun will be warmer, and his future much brighter, if he plays his league scheduled game before taking off for the south.

Brig. General, Robert E. Moffet, as chairman, uses to full advantage his knowledge of men, which includes polo players, and his pre-war years of experience in Guard polo activities, for inspiring his committee and signing duties.

Vice Chairman, Brig. General, Geo-

rge F. Ferry, as second in command of Operation Polo, in addition to his other duties, is treasurer. This, in itself, is prima facie evidence of the type of valor exhibited, and voluntary hardships undertaken, by these gentlemen, far beyond the call of duty, in order that indoor polo may be played in the midwest, peaceably and well.

Col. James W. Hilton, C. O. of the 4,200 spectator capacity Armory, where the games of the Metropolitan Indoor Polo League are played each Saturday evening; Col. Albert G. Langellutig, charged with legal and fiscal duties; and Lt. Col. Anthony J. Strak, polo manager, and an experienced hand at the box office, round out the competent military committee.

But even the might of the militia, in these days of free enterprise, free speech, and free-for-alls, could hardly, in time of peace, mobilize 40 aspiring players, with over 100 horses, into a smoothly running, highly competitive league of six junior and five senior teams. This minor modern miracle became a fait accompli in a matter of days through the collaboration of the Civilian Advisory Committee. The polo know-how of this committee, together with certain persuasive powers of several of the members thereof—such powers most frequently taking the form of horse flesh—make an excellent auxiliary to the military.

Members of the voluntary civilian committee are: Paul Butler, Patrick Connors, James A. Hannah, Thomas Healy, John Ivory, Sr., Leon Mandel and Truman Wood.

As public interest in polo increases the need for sound management of the game becomes more evident and more intricate. The Chicago

plan, of polo without politics or from homicide to suicide, might well be adapted in other localities for the continued healthy advancement of polo.

At the end of the fourth week of competition in the Metropolitan Indoor Polo League, standings were as follows:

JUNIOR DIVISION					Opp. Goals	Per. centage
Won	Lost	Goals	Goals			
Black Horse Troop	2	0	22	18	1000	
Culver Military Academy	1	0	10	8	1000	
1-2-4 Field Artillery	1	1	18	19	500	
Milkmen	0	1	7	8	000	
Ivory Juniors	0	1	8	10	000	
Shamrocks	0	1	6	10	000	

SENIOR DIVISION					Opp. Goals	Per. centage
Won	Lost	Goals	Goals			
Healy Farms (Hinsdale)	2	0	27	23	1000	
Chicago Aces	1	0	12	8	1000	
Milwaukee	0	1	8	12	000	
Brokers	0	1	11	14	000	
Ivory Rangers (Detroit)	0	1	12	13	000	

10 LEADING SCORERS					Opp. Goals	Per. centage
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.		
Greg Dritsas, Black Horse Troop	12	8	1000			
Mike Healy, Healy Farms	12	8	1000			
Billy Stevens, Healy Farms	12	8	1000			

4. Harold Rouse, Black Horse Troop	9		
5. Fred Lutzow, 124 Field Artillery	7		
6. Truman Wood, 1-2-4 Artillery	7		
7. Billy Mayer, Brokers	6		
8. George C. Sherman, Jr., Milwaukee	5		
9. Tom Healy, Healy Farms	4		
10. Cadet Schless, Culver M. A.	4		

Well mounted, and evenly matched, playing as they do under Indoor Polo Associated handicap rules, both junior (0-5 goals) and senior (6-12 goals) division teams are playing hard fast polo.

The scores tell the story: Three games have been won by a single point; two games by two points each; one game by three points, and two games have had a four-point difference.

A sparrow's view of a stableful of the mounts in play may be shared by scanning excerpts from "Pony Personalities", which appears in the weekly program:

Jim Hannah's horses, like Jim, are tall and rangy. Backhanders, a 16.1 black gelding, is inquisitive and aggressive. Nimble and canny, he always looks as though he were laughing, and never gets hurt. Model

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Culver Takes Game From Chicago Team By 10-8 Margin

The month of December was perfect as far as the members of the Culver Military Academy polo team were concerned. They played two games before they left for their Christmas vacation and won both. The first team of Belling, Schless, and Gray is still improving steadily.

On December 3rd, 1949 the Culver squad played host to the '45 alumni. According to all reports this team has won every year that it has come back to the academy as alumni. However, the first team decided to do something about this and beat them 17 to 7.

The Culver team went to work fast and piled up 7 goals before the opponents had time to recover. From there on the Culver team held complete control over their alumni opponents. The first period was the fastest period for the Cadets. In the second chukker the Culver team repeated its former performance but not as many goals. In the third period Col. Kitts sent in the second team, Ansbacher, Joseph, and Worsham. The second team turned in a good performance and the first team came in for the final chukker. The Cadets finally won 17-7 over a slightly bewildered alumni team.

The biggest game of the season so far came up on December 10th. The Culver team went to Chicago to play their first game in the Chicago Metropolitan Polo League. This league is being played off in the Chicago Ave. Armory. The Cadets' opponents for their first game were the Ivory Juniors of Detroit, Mich. The Cadets won by a narrow margin 10-8.

The game started out in Culver's favor as they soon scored in the first period. The Cadets had their best period in the first and outscored and outplayed their opponents to the tune of 5-3. After the first chukker the game leveled off into a nip and tuck affair. The Ivory team held the Culver squad in the second period, and the score stood 6-4 at halftime. In the third period the Ivory team caught up to the Culver team and twice tied them once at 8 all and again at 7 all. In the final chukker the Cadets again went out in front for a short time, but Detroit soon tied the score up at 8 all. Then in the dying moments of the game, the Culver team made two quick goals to triumph over the Ivory

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lives up to his name. If he were human he might be a YMCA athletic director. Two of Pat Conner's favorites are Buck, which is anti-social and likes no one but Pat, and Dutch who likes everyone including Pat. Bambi, likes cokes and once licked all the green paint off a fender. Little Jim, a perfect gentleman, is fond of buttermilk. Woody is just crazy about children, and shares with his two stablemates an affection for Master Bobby Bond. Brown Velvet is a perfect little witch. She loves throwing her weight around and isn't above taking a small nip at anything that stands in her way. Truman Wood's Cimmaron, on the other foot, will do everything but complain to the referee to avoid a collision. Thingamagig is a whatchamacallit. The last of Wood's four favorites, trained by Freddy Lutzow, Black Magic, is a Texan, fast Quarter Horse, and thinks polo is a race.

Jerry Fordon is proud of the pat-

Juniors 10-8. Throughout the game Culver was never behind and with the three tie scores they put on an exciting game from the spectators point of view. This was the first match that both teams have played in the Chicago League.

The record of the '49 half of the '49-'50 polo season at Culver was very good. The second team has won 2 out of 2 and the first team has won 7 out of 8 of their games so far. The first team has extended their winning streak to five straight games.

December 3rd		Goals
Culver		3
Belling		1
Ansbacher		7
Schless		2
Worsham		3
Gray		0
Joseph		1
pony		1
Alumni		Goals
Stewart		0
Abby		1
Strous		4
pony		2
December 10th		Goals
Culver		3
Belling		4
Schless		3
Gray		Goals
Ivory Juniors		2
Beveridge		2
Pederson		2
Rice		4

ience and intelligence of his ponies. He demonstrates these traits out on his farm by letting his little son Rolie, scamper between the horses legs. (While someone holds Mrs. Fordon?) His favorites are King Bull, a three-season veteran, clever and aggressive; Bay Wood, a striking mahogany bay—and knows it—which, with five seasons behind him, still sweats-out every game before entering; and Mollie, a steady, old-fashioned girl. The Culver Black Horse Troop actually has one black horse, Sunrise Deb, owned and played by Cadet Bob Schless. In horse parlance she is "aged", which means her age is her own business. Bob thinks she is older than he is and treats her with the cautious respect due a sophisticated lady. Pokalo, another Schless favorite, is so nervous and high strung he has to be played first in every match. Leon Mandel's mounts are trained by Jack Armstrong to be gentle and willing. Estallina was a ball of fire when she first arrived from Argentina. Now she holds her fire until game time. Esperanza has claustrophobia. She likes a lot of room—and gets it!

From the same source, but from a different viewpoint, are gleaned a few brief profiles of the players that are making Saturday night and polo synonymous in Chicago:

Wonder boy of indoor polo, 25-year-old Jack Ivory from Detroit is

1933, he was honorary president. The Interscholastic Championship Cup was put up by him in 1928. George, Jr. has carried out the tradition of his illustrious father. The Sherman Memorial Trophy, in play since 1934, is awarded annually to the team aggregating five goals or less that wins it in Tournament play. Starting as Secretary of the Association in 1937, he has been president for the last four years. Since he was 10 he has been playing the game, and making it possible for others to play. Another Sherman, now five, is already being groomed to continue the royal heritage.

At 16, Harold Christenson, is probably the youngest member today of a National Indoor Polo Championship team. He played No. 1, on the North Shore Polo Club team that won the 1948 Sherman Memorial Trophy. At the rate he is going he will probably be among the polo elite at an age when many players are still thinking about taking up the game. He has played polo for less than two years.

Mr. Big of polo, Robert E. Uihlein, Jr., carries his 76 inches gracefully. He has made Milwaukee, his home, an important name in polo circles. The movie version of the strong, silent man, Team Captain Uihlein, looks like a professional football tackle, without the battered features. Actually, he is a Harvard



A CROSS SECTION of polo players competing in the Chicago Metropolitan Indoor Polo League. (L. to r.): Pat Connors, Bobby Bond, James Kraml, Orville Rice, Harold Rouse, Jack Ivory, George Cokinis, Gregory, Dritsas, Truman Wood, Fred Lutzow and Harold Christenson. (Byrne Photo)



JACK IVORY, captain of the Detroit Rangers, on the up-swing of an offside backhand shot during practice at the armory. Teammate Orville Rice is close at hand to retrieve should the captain miss. (Byrne Photo)

well on the way to polo perfection. He is one of the few 7-goal players in the indoor game. His disregard for danger, aggressive style of play, and recovery from spills and injuries has earned him the title of "Iron Man". In a spectacular spill this summer Jack broke his shoulder. A few weeks later, taped up and rigged with a special shoulder harness, he was playing again.

One of the best known brother combinations in midwest polo, the "fighting Heals", Mike and Tom, have done much towards making polo a popular spectator sport. Playing the game because they love it, their ardor is evident. Whenever a Healy team loses, the victor is glad the game is over. The fighting spirit that Mike and Tom inject into every game is spontaneous. Their opponents usually play as though their lives were at stake. According to polo lore, the brothers finally teamed up because after bruising one another so often on opposing teams, their ponies flatly refused to share the same stable.

Culver-trained Pat Connors, captain of the Shamrocks, is polo's glamour boy. Unlike his many movie counterparts, Pat keeps his eye on the ball, seemingly unaware of his admiring public. His ability to analyze plays and his superb horsemanship makes him an excellent field general. Already captain of one National Indoor championship team, he hopes to repeat again this year.

Indoor polo and the Sherman family are synonymous. George, Sr. founded the Indoor Polo Association of America in 1915, and was its first president until 1926. For the next seven years, until his death in

Law School graduate, golfer, big game hunter, aviator, and bachelor.

When business headaches threatened to become chronic in his life Truman Wood took up polo—and fractured his skull. One of Chicago's outstanding young executives, T. W. has made polo his avocation, replacing hunting and fishing, which he now finds tame by comparison. Undaunted by the spill last winter which laid him low, Wood is right back where it all started, at the Chicago Avenue Armory. Watch him play heads-up polo this season.

This year's captain of the Black Horse Troop, "Pee Wee" Al Kimmel has been a team mainstay for the last three years. He was riding at an age when most kids are just discovering that feet have other uses than to chew on. At 26 he has 12 years of polo under him.

Polo is a business to "Wild Billy" Mayer. He is an example of the young polo players who are making the game a mass spectator sport. His fearless riding and wide open style of play adds interest to the game, and goals for his team. With 7 of his 27 years devoted to polo, Mr. Mayer faces another season with his usual aplomb, unmarried and unconcerned.

Captain of the Culver Military Academy team, Robert M. Schless, at 16 is a three-year polo veteran. He has played in several national and sectional tournaments. Six feet tall and weighing 145 pounds, Cadet Schless is obviously growing with the game. He lists his "hobbies and interested activities", in the following order: Girls, horses, and bridge. A versatile and well integrated young man.

Midwestern Hunt Racing Assn. and P. H. A. Meeting



BEFORE THE P. H. A. DINNER, (l. to r.): Ned King; P. H. A.'s re-elected president, Frank Hawkins; David Wright, Samuel E. Murry and Joseph Kinsley. (Budd Photo)



AT THE FIRST MEETING of the Midwestern Hunt Racing Assn. (l. to r.): C. M. Pierce, chairman of Metamora Hunt Races; Chris Wood, Jr., field director U. H. A.; G. Fred Morris and S. C. Clark, chairman of Hunts Committee and vice-president N. S. H. A. (Grantham & Metcalfe Photo)



M. F. H.'S AT MIDWESTERN MEETING, (l. to r.): J. B. Youmans, ex-M. F. H. Harper Hills Hounds; Ted Mohlman, Joint-M. F. H. Oak Brook Hounds; C. P. Brown, Joint-M. F. H. Tryon Hounds; H. Johnston, M. F. H. Mill Creek Hounds and Larry Watkins, ex-M. F. H. Oldham County Hounds. (Grantham & Metcalfe Photo)



AT THE P. H. A. MEETING, (l. to r.): Jack Ward, Ted Buell, executive secretary A. H. S. A.; Sterling Smith, owner of Sun Beau, winner of P. H. A. trophy; William Steinkraus, representing Arthur Nardin, owner of Trader Bedford, runner up to Sun Beau. (Budd Photo)

In the Country



CARROLLTON HOUNDS TO CONTINUE

Word comes from the Carrollton that arrangements have been made, following the death of Harry Straus, former Master, for finishing the hunting season. Eugene McCaffrey will serve as Master; Odes Hayes, one of the best-known in the sport, will stay on as professional huntsman; and Tom O'Farrell and Brady Bryson, who have been taking care of the whipping all season, will continue as honorary whippers-in.

While Harry Straus was alive this hunt had become a private pack with excellent facilities used by only five or six ardent fox-hunters. At the end of December, hounds had gone out in this good Maryland country 49 times since cubbing opened, including many extra days for the personal convenience of only one or two members. This is a luxurious form of fox-hunting, to say the least, for those whose interest lies in the sport itself. But in a situation like this, the death of a Master who has been more than generous in his financial support raises serious doubts whether the hunt can go on.

The Carrollton has a beautiful well-paneled country; the permanent free use of fine kennels, stables and pasture; a splendid pack of hounds bred to the country, well-balanced and not too large to maintain inexpensively; and a top-ranking huntsman who is willing to stay on at a personal sacrifice because he loves good hunting. With these advantages the few surviving members are prepared to see the hunt through this season on the same high plane as before.—B. O. B.

N. S. & H. A.

S. Bryce Wing will again head the National Steeplechase & Hunt Assn. as its president for 1950. Stephen C. Clark, Jr. retains his chairmanship of the Hunts Committee but has taken on the addition duty of vice-president. A. C. Bostwick was re-elected treasurer with John E. Cooper as secretary and Miss Olive R. Keeley, assistant secretary. The Hunts Committee was faced with a very difficult problem at its recent meeting, that of allocating the dates for hunt meetings and eliminating as much conflict as possible. The Hunts Committee is made up of 11 members, 4 of whom are appointed by the stewards of the N. S. & H. A. and 7 are elected each year by the Masters of Foxhounds in each of 7 districts. Members of the committee for 1950 are Mr. Clark, chairman, Bayard Tuckerman, Arthur McCashin, George Strawbridge, S. Bryce Wing, Newell J. Ward, Jr. and Carter P. Brown. James Park, vice chairman, Robert B. Young, Earl S. Potter and George Brooke III are the 4 representatives of the association.

STYLE AND COMFORT

The Toledo Polo enthusiasts Dan McCullough, Dan Abbey, Henry Weiss, and the members of the Toledo Polo Club have availed themselves of the hospitality on the Stranahan Farm in Ottawa Hills. The farm has a large indoor riding ring, large enough to play the indoor game which the club has used since winter set its foot firmly in the Northern Ohio territory. Adjacent to the indoor ring is a large, in fact an immense club room, paneled in knotty pine, and furnished in early American antiques (sort of a "George Washington slept here" atmosphere). The room has two large fire-

places where the boys can warm their feet between chukkers. The meetings are held on Thursday evenings, and include a supper as well as a polo game.—R. M. D.

IN THE SHOW RING

For the past couple of years there has been a monopoly in the racing division at the Virginia Horsemen's Assn., show held annually at Warrenton, Va. The cause for this was the progeny of William Ziegler, Jr.'s Wait A Bit which were gotten into "show" shape by Emmett Leach. After the overwhelming deluge of blue ribbons last year at the show, it was reported that the show committee would make arrangements to call Manager Leach this year, find out how many entries he planned to make and then just send him the ribbons. With two legs on the Black Mat trophy, the entries will really have to line up right this year as Wait A Bit is listed among the breeding stock of Burrland Farm to be sold. It is hoped that Wait A Bit will remain in Virginia as he sired winners on the flat in his first crop to race last year and has given every indication that he is a good addition to any state's stallion roster.

INDOOR POLO

The Detroit polo players who are not playing the sunshine circuit in Florida, Arizona, Texas and California are keeping in trim with the mallet game on Sundays at the Outland Stables in Birmingham, Mich. They play two games every Sunday to a non-paying spectator group that is growing in size weekly. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon you can see the horse trailers ploughing through the snow headed for Tom Outland's place on Fourteen Mile Road. Regulars at these informal sessions are Roy Pulver, George Benjamin, Volney Bayley, Al Poole, Harold Troy, Wendel Smith, Bill Smith, Perry Williams, and Walter Stevens.

—R. M. D.

G. TYLER SMITH, JR.

The hunting fraternity has suffered a tragic loss in the death of G. Tyler Smith, Jr. of Baltimore, Md. who was killed in a recent automobile smash. He had chosen, early in life, that the "best of his fun" was likely to be had with horses and hounds, and cast in his lot for part of each season with the Elkridge-Harford. His favorite horse, a big rangy gray, with Tyler astride of him, was apt to be seen, holding his own with the best, when a good hunt

was in progress. To me, who has lived so long and have seen so many good fox-hunters fade away into the great beyond, leaving their tack hanging listlessly on the tack-room wall, it is specially poignant to record the passing of this young man, for there were many good hunts yet in store for him, and so much of life to be enjoyed. I am sure that the sadness which comes over me as I write these lines will be shared by the many who knew Tyler and valued his friendship... —W. H. DeC. Wright

HORSE FILMS

The film "The Maryland Horse" has enjoyed great popularity and persons who have not seen it will be interested to know that it is still available. Responsible individuals or groups who wish to show it may do so without charge. Arrangements can be made with the Maryland Horse Breeders' Assn., 1 Dixie Drive, Towson 4, Md. The association also has two prints of its own film and also a print of the Horse Association of America's film, "Gaits of the Horse". The two 16 mm. films can be shown in less than 45 minutes and have sound with them. Bernard Livingston's camera has produced a new horse film which shows the workings of The Jockey Club, its Breeding Bureau stallions in N. Y. State and something of the farmer's share of the Thoroughbred. Also a 16 mm. production and in technicolor, it may be obtained for showing through The Jockey Club, 250 Park Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

WARE HUNTSMAN

An open jumper in Maryland had apparently met his match in the form of a gag bit which limited his galloping scope. With the gadget in perfect working order, the horse's owner left the stable for a bit of cross country schooling. Topping a high hill and popping over a fallen tree, the rider suddenly found himself surrounded by hounds and the huntsman. Wheeling and getting right behind the huntsman, as his rider vainly tried to stop him, the open jumper showed perfect point-to-point form as he followed the pack over the tree. Picking up speed as he descended the hill, the horse was amazed to find that his rider was not pulling at all—rather he was giving the horse his head so they could put a lot of distance between them and the oncoming hunt.

Chronicle Quiz Answers

1. A type of horse developed for mountain work by crossing range horses with draft horses.
2. By the method known to drivers of harness horses as camping—i. e. by stretching the front feet forward and the hind feet backward so as to lower the back. The practice is advocated by Xenophon and a rider about to mount in this way

Wootton Paintings Picture Early Art In British Sport

James Wootton, who painted the picture on the cover of The Chronicle this week, was one of the best of the early British sporting painters. He was born in 1677 and died in 1765. He was thus painting as a young man of 23 one hundred years before Benjamin Marshall first started to exhibit his paintings at the Royal Academy.

Those who compare Wootton's art with works of the later British sporting artists are making somewhat unfair comparisons. The style and technique was growing up and during the hundred years between the two men, much was learned that can be noted in the improved technique of the later great artists.

Wootton painted much of his work on huge canvases, too large to ever be exhibited in London. One of his greatest pictures is that of Flying Childers at Chatsworth. This is not a large picture, but at Althorp in Northampton, for instance, entire walls in the entrance hall are completely covered with Wootton canvases.

When he was a young man, the artist was painting racehorses at Newmarket. There he was introduced to Henry, The Third Duke of Beaufort who, Walter Sparrow tells us, liked him so much that he sent him to study in Rome. On his return, Wootton won a great reputation and earned so much money that he was able to buy a house in Cavendish Square. From here he journeyed all over England painting hounds, hunters and continuously race horses at Newmarket.

Wootton appeared also to be a generous host, entertaining his friends lavishly. In a letter to the Duke of Richmond he writes about one of these parties: "I invited some friends to partake of your Grace's bounty. We did eat and drink your Grace's good health and each friend looked like a new varnished portrait."

is represented on the frieze of the Parthenon. Another method was to bend the knee as depicted on a number of Greek vases. Alexander The Great's horse Bucephalus was so trained.

3. To indicate that a mare has been bred.
4. The big tendon above the hock corresponds to the Achilles tendon in a human being.
5. A bit with a ring slipped around the horse's lower jaw.
6. The French pied de crue or Crane's foot, which is descriptive of the three line symbol used in old genealogical records to indicate descent—and of the lines used in the modern form of tabulated pedigree.

MISS PEACHYPY GETS A CUSHY FALL





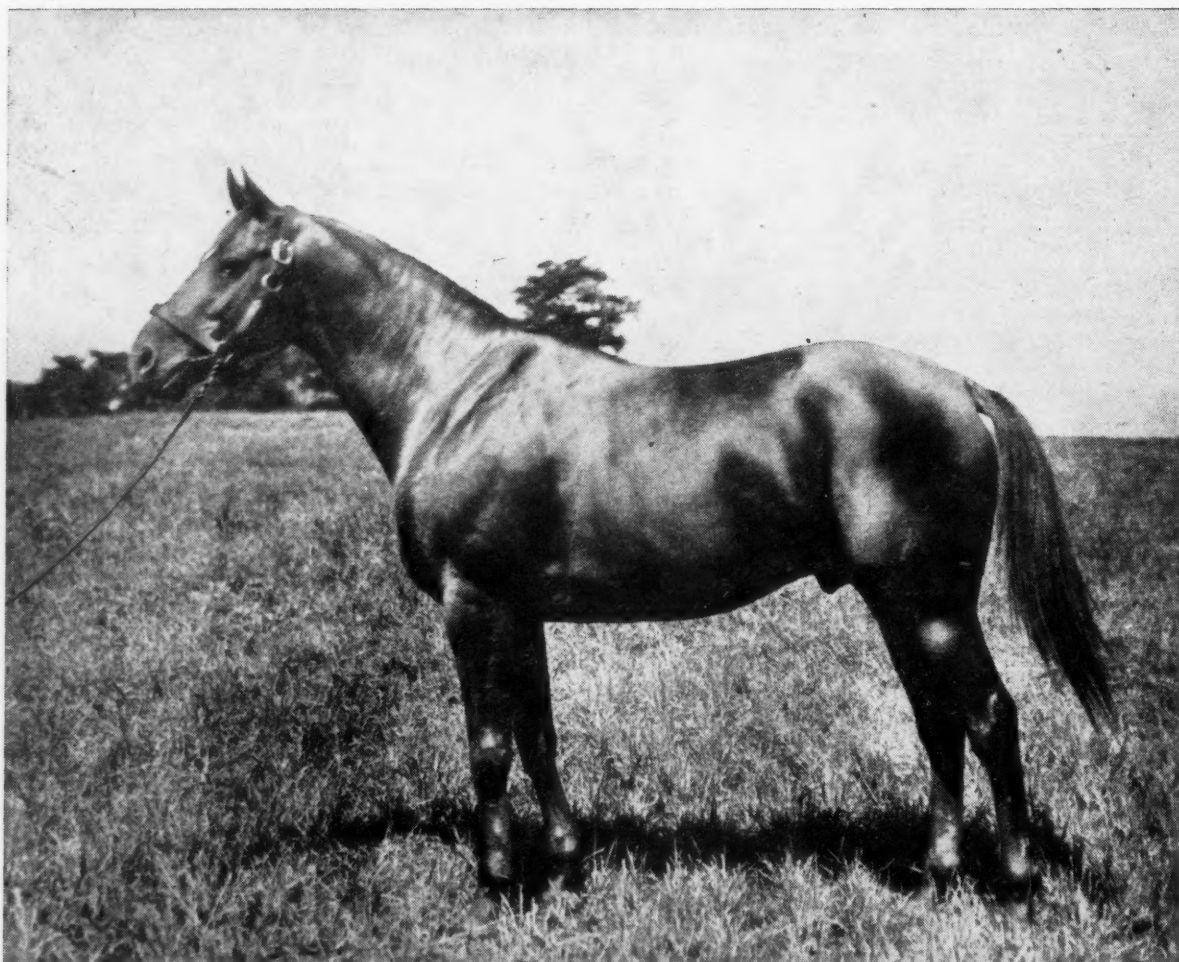
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